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AMMAN (R) — Jordan, which has rejected any change in its religious role in Jerusalem, said on Sunday it had not received an official Palestinian request to relinquish the holy sites. "We have received no such formal request, Information Minister Jawad Al Anani told Reuters. Palestinian officials said on Saturday the Palestinian authority running the Gaza Strip and Jericho would inform Jordan it wanted control of holy shrines. The officials said Sheikh Hassan Tahboub, a Jerusalemite appointed recently to an authority to supervise Muslim places, would go to Amman to seek the transfer of the sites. Dr. Anani and the Palestinian mission in Jordan said neither had received a request for a meeting. On Saturday King Hussein vowed Jordan would keep its role in Arab East Jerusalem "until it is fully assured that all rights are preserved ... '

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Minister meets new Lebanese envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Talal Al Hassan on Sunday received a copy of the credentials of the newlyappointed Lebanese ambassador to Jordan, William Farid Habib. Mr. Habib replaces Ahmad Ibrahim, who has been named Lebanon's ambassador to Poland.

Swedish coalition defeated in polis

STOCKHOLM (R) Sweden's centre-right coalition government was defein a general election on Sunday as the country swung to the left, according to an official forecast. With 121 of -- 711 electoral districts cial Democratic Party (SDP) was within just seven seats of winning an overall majority in parliament. The early returns indicated Ingvar Carlsson's SDP would have the choice of forming a coalition government with the small Liberal Party or with the leftist Left and Green parties. The ex-communist Left Party won 23 seats, up by seven from the last election in 1991 while the Green Party made a triumphant return to parliament with 21 seats after failing to win any in 1991. The returns showed two rightist parties, the Christian Democrats and the far-right New Democracy Party, failing to win any seats at all, while support for Prime Minister Carl Bildt's Moderate Party

Algeria denies links to Morocco violence

remained stable.

LONDON (R) — Algeria has denied accusations by Morocco that its security services trained gunmen who attacked a hotel in Marrakesh in order to destabilise the kingdom. "Algeria categorically refutes these base-less allegations which have recently been nourished by the infertile imagination of the Moroccan Interior Ministry," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement broadcast by official Algerian radio on

Israel expects Ross on Tuesday

coordinator, Dennis Ross, will arrive in Israel on Tuesday evening to prepare for ber, the foreign ministry announced. Mr. Ross will fly from Damascus to Israel Wednesday and Thursday becommunique. Mr. Christopher was expected to begin his next Middle East shuttle early next month.

PNA puts out tenders for Gaza airport

GAZA CITY (AFP) — The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) put out tenders Sunday for the planning and first phase of construction of an amport on the Gaza Strip. The authority's transport and communications ministry urged interested parties to send bids by Oct. 15

Fate of Haiti in balance as Carter presses effort

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Agencies) — The possibility of an American-led invasion of Haiti hung in the balance Sunday as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter pressed his talks and went in to new discussions with the Haitian junta and their interim presi-

Mr. Carter and his delegation ended six hours of talks at army headquarters with leaders of the 1991 coup shortly before 5 p.m. (2100

They then all went to the nearby presidential palace for discussions with President Emile Jonassaint, head of the military-installed government that Washington has branded as illegal.

The U.S. team, including retired top General Colin Powell and Senator Sam Nunn, has had four rounds of discussions with the junta totalling 13½ hours since it arrived here Saturday but there was no word on progress. In Washington, Vice Presi-

dent Al Gore said in a live television interview that he was neither "optimistic nor pessimistic" on chances for



Jimmy Carter

an accord to avoid an invasion by 20,000 troops.

He cautioned against putting too much meaning into the meeting with Mr. Jonassaint and said, "this can go

President Bill Clinton and his top security aides were at the White House awaiting word from Mr. Carter, who would likely phone from the plane taking the delegation home. They were due to have left hours earlier at midday.

Lieutenant-General Raoul Cedras left military headquarters and drove together the 250 metres to the national palace, rousing speculation that Mr. Jonassaint's views were being sought on a possi-

ble deal. Gen. Powell and Sen. Nunn, also went to the national palace.

CBS television's Dan Rather, in Port-Au-Prince, reported that there was an outline agreement providing for the generals to step down that Mr. Carter would put to President Clinton for his approval.

Mr. Carter, U.S. president until 1981, had been briefed by Mr. Clinton only to discuss the ways the junta could leave power, allowing a peaceful restoration of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Haitian military Chief-of-Staff Brigadier General Philippe Biamby had also been at the meeting with Mr. Carter but not the third junta member, Port-Au-Prince police chief Colonel Michel

Vice-President Gore told CNN television in Washing-

ably end Sunday, but he refused to be drawn on how

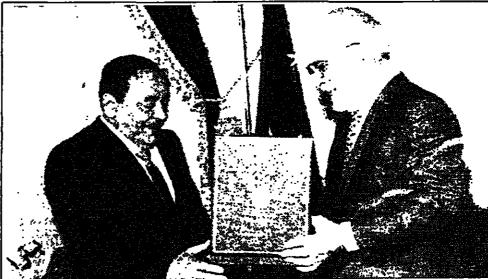
Gen. Cedras was seen by reporters a few minutes before 5 p.m. (2200 GMT) to leave the meeting room and walk along a balcony to another office.

He had earlier briefly left the meeting and gone across the street to the national palace, raising speculation that he was consulting Mr. Jonassaint, whose agreement would presumably be needed for any deal.

Mr. Gore said the talks between Haiti's military strongmen and the U.S. delegation were at a "delicate stage" and cautioned against characterising the discussions as pessimistic or optimistic. I would not want anyone

to think it was definitely going one way or the other now. It could go either way... the only thing for sure is that democracy will be restored to Haiti," he said.

Mr. Gore described the discussions as focusing only on "the modalities of depar-



YEMEN! ENVOY HONOURED: AMMAN of the end of his tour of duty in Jordan. Lower (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on House of Parliament Speaker Taher Masri Sunday conferred Jordan's Independence received Mr. Abu Lahoum, who is also dean of Medal of the First Order on Yemeni Ambassa- the diplomatic corps in Jordan, and thanked

dor to Jordan Ali Abu Lahoum on the occasion him for his efforts to strengthen Jordanian-Yemeni relations (Petra photo)

Cabinet approves statute for **Higher Authority for Purchases**

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Ministers has endorsed a statute for the Higher Authority for Purchases referred to it by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, chairman of the Royal Commission for Reform and Modernisation.

government statement said that the statute was based on His Majesty King Hussein's directives to Prince Hassan last month, asking that the economic and investment climate in Jordan be based on sound and clear ground to enable the Kingdom to enter a new era with solid steps and to safeguard its reputation and credibility at a time when the country is about to expand its links with

world economic blocs. The statement said economic and trade links with other states and blocs normally entail certain activities that require control and should therefore be governed by rules of conduct and values to fend off any suspicious or corrupt acts or cause any imbalance or neglect and prevent any profiteering or mis-

conduct or misuse of office. To avoid such situations, there is need for consolidating rules of conduct and sub-



iecting all actions to be accountable before the law. the statement added.

In order to achieve these criteria in conduct and to ensure the soundness of procedures connected with the public procurements and purchases, especially in international trade transactions, and in view of the diversity of legislations governing requirements for the various government offices, the overlapping of certain legislations and the failure of some of them to serve their purpose and meet the requirements of the modern age and handle the rapid developments at the local and international fronts. it was found necessary to establish a general umbrella for purchases, it said.

It said that the Higher Authority for Purchases is deemed to be of urgent necessity to contribute to the development of those departments in charge of requirements, purchases and services for the state.

This authority, this statement said, would also control the performance of government offices and the conduct of their staff to ensure that they abide by the regulations and rules, would define defects, avoid any imbalances and prevent abuse of authority and improve and simplify procedures, taking care to ensure speed, fair dealings and less routine and bureaucracy.

The statement said that the council would ensure that sound procedures would be followed by all parties in any commercial transaction concerning purchases in such a manner that would prevent any illegal benefits from reaching any party and would lay down controls to safeguard public funds and guarantee public justice.

GCC ministers welcome | Yemen criticises S. Arabia Washington Declaration for urging talks with exiles

RIYADH (Agencies) — Foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have welcomed the Washington Declaration of Jordan

The GCC foreign ministers ended a regular meeting in the Saudi capital Riyadh also restating demands that Iraq recognise Kuwait's sovereignty.

and Israel.

"The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) condemns Iraq's attempt to dissolve the binding international obligations (imposed on it)," said a statement issued after the end of the meeting late on Saturday and carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The statement said Iraq should recognise Kuwait's sovereignty and U.N.demarcated borders and return prisoners whom Kuwait says have been held by Baghdad since its occupation of the emirate in 1990-91.

The GCC states are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Inly 25 in Washington.
"The council welcomes the

The GCC statement also welcomed last month's preliminary agreement between Jordan and Israel signed on

progress made on the Jordanian-Israeli track," it

by her brother in Jiza, a

Alia International Airport,

one day after she was re-

leased from prison after

serving six months for be-

coming pregnant out of wedlock, according to Civil

Defence Department

(CDD) and family sources.

several times in the neck

and several parts of her

body then shot several

times by her 17-year-old

dered to police shortly after

the killing, a close relative of the victim told the Jor-

According to the relative, Jazia, who was said to

be physically handicapped,

became pregnant 10

months ago. When her pre-

gnancy was discovered she

was sent to jail, he said.
"Jazia told her family

that a man named

dan Times Sunday.

S., was stabbed

said, calling for world pressure on Israel not to block the exercise of Palestinian autonomy and "not to change the situation in Jerusalem prior to 1967.1

The GCC urged Iran to accept international arbitration in its dispute with the UAE over three small islands in the Gulf.

"As Iran has not shown any serious desire to discuss ending its occupation of the Lesser and Greater Tunbs and Abu Musa, the council invites Iran to accept a referral of this dispute to the international Court of Justice," it said.

The ministers also hailed the progress made on the Palestinian track of the Middle East peace process.

States and Russia, co-

SANAA (Agencies) — Yemen accused Saudi Arabia Sunday of meddling in its internal affairs after the kingdom's foreign minister urged Sanaa to open a dialogue with secessionists who were vanquished in Yemen's recent civil war.

"We had expected Prince Saud Al Faisal to announce normalisation of relations between the Republic of Yemen and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in response to the Yemeni government's request for extinguishing the fire of sedition that the treacherous separatists set ablaze," an official statement

quered southern strongholds

Sanaa had hoped to "open

a new page" in relations with Saudi Arabia, "even though

everyone knows the identity

of the party that financed that

sedition in which Yemeni

lives were lost and Yemen's

economic infrastructure was

destroyed," said the state-

ment, carried by the official

Prince Saud made his call

news agency SABA.

It contained a veiled charge that Saudi Arabia had backed southern Yemeni leaders during the two-month civil war that ended after government forces con-

July 7.

They urged the United sponsors of the process, to put pressure on Israel to "remove" the obstacles it is placing in the path of the Palestinian Authority.

But they also expressed "deep concern" at the lack of progress on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks, blaming Israel for "rejecting the principles" agreed on at the October 1991 Middle East conference in Madrid which launched the peace process.

for an inter-Yemen dialogue in a speech Saturday at the opening session of a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) conference in Rivadh. The two-day meeting was

attended by the foreign ministers of the six GCC member states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. The GCC was perceived as

sympathetic to the south, with the exception of Qatar which backed the northern government. 'Dialogue between the

Yemenis is an internal affair of Yemen," the Yemeni statement said Sunday.

Southern Yemenis declared secession from the north in the early days of the Yemeni war. Southern leaders fled into exile after the end of the war, but President Ali Abdullah Saleh still insists on trying 16 of them for

treason and war crimes. Saudi Arabia and some other Gulf states showed sympathy for the South during the conflict, although speculation of material backing was never confirmed. Since the end of the war, Saudi Arabia has repatriated nearly 600 southern soldiers and officers who had fled to the

PLO says it got only 10% of pledged funds

tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) efforts to rebuild the new self-rule areas are hampered by Israel's slowness to hand over authority and the receipt of less than 10 per cent of promised foreign funds, a PLO official said here Sundav. The Palestinians have re-

ceived about \$65 million of the \$720 million promised for this year, said Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, deputy chairman of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PEC-DAR).

"The process is slow. Instead of months, it should take weeks or less," Mr. Kaddoumi told reporters during a PECDAR session which was partly to discuss preparations for an upcoming meeting of international donors.
"We try to expedite the process," although donors

'have their own plans," Mr. Kaddoumi said. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's economic advisor Said Hamud said earlier that PECDAR would set a timetable for development projects to be presented to donor

countries.

Mr. Kaddoumi also accused Israel of "moving to the detriment of plans," adding "we have not yet received full empowerment in both Gaza and the West

Autonomy was launched in the Gaza Strip and Jericho in May, but there had been "delays in the withdrawal of Israeli forces," said Mr. Kaddoumi, who is also the head

CAIRO (Agencies) — Pales- of the PLO's political depart-

And in the rest of the West Bank, only authority in education has been transferred to the PLO, he complained.

In Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said meanwhile elections in the self-rule areas had been delayed because the PLO was seeking to use them to win "signs of sovereignty," an Israeli official said.

Elections to an autonomous council were sche-duled for July 13, then postponed until Oct. 15 following delays in launching autonomy, and are now planned

for Dec. 5 PECDAR began meeting here on Saturday at a session chaired by Mr. Arafat and continued discussions Sunday without him, PECDAR official Hassan Abu Libdeh said. Mr. Arafat was meeting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the port city of

Alexandria.
The officials discussed projects to set up a development bank and Palestinian monet-

ary authority Saturday. Mr. Abu Libdeh said the body aimed to "smooth up operations," deal with administrative and planning matfor the future."

Mr. Kaddoumi denied there was any rift within the PLO's economic team even though he was chairing the meeting in the absence of PECDAR executive chief

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Policeman killed in Gaza row

GAZA (Agencies) — About 4,000 Palestinian mourners attended the Gaza Strip funeral of a policeman killed trying to break up a row between secret police and armed members of the Islamic Hamas movement, witnesses said.

A 23-year-old Palestinian plunged a large knife into the neck of an Israeli soldier at a bus stop in the Tel Aviv suburb of Petah Tikwa.

The soldier was taken to hospital with "moderate" injuries while the aggressor was arrested

Police sealed off the area, hunting for possible accom-plices of the Palestinian, whose name was not re-

Israeli soldiers meanwhile shot dead a Palestinian and wounded another on Sunday at a roadblock in the occupied West Bank, security

ources said. The soldiers opened fire when the Palestinians' van drove through the checkpoint near Ramallah without stop-

ping, the sources said.
At the Gaza funeral, some held placards calling for ac-tion against the killers of Captain Yusri Al Hams, the first policeman killed in clashes with Palestinians since self-rule began in May. The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, insisting it did not kill Hams, put out

two statements within a few hours demanding the self-(Continued on page 2)

Saturday.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The U.S. Middle East peace talks Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit in Octowhere he will hold talks on fore returning to Washington, the ministry said in a

e Burns

18-year-old killed for 'family Mahmoud promised to marry her and took advan-Special to the Jordan Times tage of her. When he disco-JIZA - An 18-year-old girl was killed on Saturday vered that she was pre-gnant, he denied doing anything to her," the relasmall town near Queen

After the teenager delivered the baby in jail, the relative added, she was released after her father signed a guarantee that she would not be harmed.

On Sept. 17, a day after Jazia was released, the re-lative said, her brother Ayed who lived with her in the same house, approached his sister as she slept, and stabbed her several times before shooting her.

A next door neighbour told the Jordan Times that he heard gunshots being fired at about 2 a.m., and when he went to check the matter he saw Jazia's family ululating and celebrating the killing.

"The family seemed relaxed, happy and satisfied after announcing the news that she was killed, and they were telling us that finally we got rid of her and cleansed our family honour," the neighbour

The relative, who is the village mukhtar (elder), said that it was known throughout the village that Jazia was going to be killed that day, "and that is why her father bailed her out of

"We knew that Jazia was going to be killed that day because these are our tribal habits, and her father wanted to get rid of her after what she had done."

He told the Jordan Times that these were the customs of the village, saying "if a woman committed adultery then her punishment is to "I really regret what had happened to Jazia because

she was lame and helpless. But what can we do? It is her fate," said the 63-yearold mukhtar. He said Ayed was in

honour' would only confirm that Jazia was killed, and declined to give any further

Jazia is the 15th woman

reported killed in Jordan this year in the name of "family honour." She was the second such victim from Jiza. On May 7, a 15-year-old shepherd girl was killed by

her brother after he re-

ceived an anonymous letter

accusing his sister of having a relationship with a man. According to the girl's mother, her son Ibrahim shot Khawla to death without investigating the letter or finding out its

source.

The letter was written by one of Khawla's schoolmates, who, according to a close friend of the victim who spoke to the Jordan Times on Sunday, sent the letter because she "was jealous of her (Khawla) because she was better than her in school."

Sarid tells Golan settlers to be prepared to leave

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Jewish settlers in the Golan Heights should pack their bags and leave to allow peace with Syria. Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said Saturday.

"It is regrettable that the country's leaders have encouraged settlers to believe in the past that their presence on the plateau was permanent, but it was an illusion which would have evaporated sooner or later." Mr. Sarid

He told his Meretz party at the launch of a campaign for "territorial concessions" to Syria in exchange for peace. "Settlers, whose mission seemed to be of national importance to many of us at the

time, must admit that it is

roming to an end," he said. ands of Israelis on Saturday a evelled to Gamla. one of 31 Jewish settlements in the Colan Heights, to express suppor. settlers staging a hunger str. - re in protest at the Israeli government's readiness to cede land in return for peace.

Another 300 settlers of

nearby El Rom went on strike Friday, following Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's offer of a "marginal" Israeli withdrawal over three years from the Golan

Heights, seized from Syria in 1967. Mr. Sarid said the Meretz

party, which is part of Israel's ruling coalition, had always "convinced that the Goian was destined since 1967 to be used as a bargaining counter to obtain peace with Syria.

"Now that peace is within reach, settlers must have a sense of responsibility and realise that an accord with Syria comes before everything and that to obtain it, it will be necessary to give very far-reaching and painful land concessions

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel was ready to make concessions to Syria in exchange for security guarantees and that a settlement could be reached within the year, in an interview published on Saturday.

The hunger-striking Jew-ish settlers appealed to U.S. President Bill Clinton on Saturday.

Thirteen hunger strikers in a letter to Mr. Clinton sent to news agencies drew a parallel between an impending U.S. struggle to hold on to the Golan Heights.

"In the name of true democratic principles, the United States, by your decision, is going to invade Haiti... we in your war against dictatorships, such as Syria, by strengthening democracies such as Israel.

It added: "We appeal to you Mr. President to stop putting pressure on Israel that may lead to dangerous concessions in the Golan Heights and to resist any effort to station U.S. troops on the Golan Heights."

Syria and its ally Lebanon are the only frontline Arab states still formally at war with Israel following Israel's treaty with Egypt in 1979 and interim accords with the Palestinians and Jordan.

Talks between are stalled over the Golan Heights. Syria demands total Israeli withdrawal. Israel has publicly said it could make a limited pullback but wants Syrian commitment to full ties.

But earlier this week, Israel welcomed a speech by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad as a "declaration of peace" aimed at preparing the Syrian public for a deal with the Jewish state. In that speech, Mr. Assad demanded a full Israeli withdrawal from the Heights while vowing to fulfil any commitments to

Kuwait cites history in defence of statehood

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait. keen to assert its statehood against territorial claims by Irag, says it may have an older history than previously thought.

Official historian Abdullah Al Ghunaim said he was researthing documents that showed that the iny state in the north of the Bulf could hose head kunda**d more**. than a century before the commonly ecospied date of libround 1750.

"Documents and records indicate that Kuwait existed almost 130 years earlier,' ivir. Ghunaim, chairman of the Centre for Research and Studies, was quoted as saying in an interview with the English-language Kuwait

"We are keen to gather more information from all sources available so we can ... build our study on it." said Mr. Ghunaim, whose institution is attached to the

Kuwaiti cabinet. propaganda battleground in the crisis that followed Iraq's 1990 invasion, when Baghdad revived a longstanding claim that Kuwait has always belonged to Iraq.

Kuwaitis say their historical credentials may yet resur-

face as an issue because an unrepentant Iraq has so far declined to issue authoritative and explicit recognition

of the emirate. Kuwaiti tradition has it that Kuwait was first occupied in the mid-17th century by the bani Khalid tribe who migrated from their central Arabian homeland and built a small fortress or arsenal on the site of what is now Kuwait City.

Other central Arabian migrants from the Al Anaiza tribal confederation followed in later decades, among them the Sabah family, who settled the fort precincts and began to prosper. The Sabah's took over as formal rulers in about

Mr. Ghunaim was quoted as saying history's first reference to Kuwait was made around 1613 by Arab historian Ben Al Issa who had travelled the Gulf, he added:

"We began our study based on this reference and we found that another Arab historian, Murtada Ben Alwan, also visited Kuwait in the year 1709 and described the country as a prosperous, well-organised community with markets and cheaper prices than adjacent countries.

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He played down reports that Mr. Qouriea, a key architect of last year's PLO-Israel peace accord, had boycotted the talks and had offered his resignation to Mr.

"Qouriea has not resigned. He did not submit any official resignation and I asked Arafat today about that. Qouriea is still on and he has two deputies meeting here with us," Mr. Kaddoumi said.

Mr. Kaddoumi said Mr. Arafat earlier met the board for about four hours and "explained his views on how we can expedite the influx of the fund.

"Mr. Arafat will also try to urge President Hosni Mubarak to use his good offices in persuading donors to expedite the funds," Mr. Kaddoumi said.

Mr. Arafat later met Mr. Mubarak at a private rest house near Alexandria to discuss the funds and progress achieved so far in the Middle East peace process "in which Mubarak is playing a central role," Mr. Kaddoumi said.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa told reporters after the meeting that Egypt was holding contacts with "concerned parties" to help the Palestinians set up their infrastructure.

Policeman killed in Gaza

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rule authority perform an autopsy to establish whose bullet killed him on Saturday

Police reinforced security around the town of Khan Younis, sealing off the hospital where two Hamas members were being treated for bullet wounds from the incident. Police arrested three Hamas activists who turned up at the hospital.

About 1,000 of Gaza's 8,000-strong security forces attended the funeral in the southern town of Rafah, including their commander, Major-General Naser Yousef.

"The Fatch movement demand the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) deal in the appropriate way with the hired hands who create incidents," said one banner car-

Activists in Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat's Fatch group blamed Hamas for the killing. Mohammad Dahlan, head

of the secret police in Gaza, said the two wounded Hamas activists had stopped at a checkpoint but drove away shooting at the secret police. Hams was killed in the resulting exchange of fire.

Hamas denied opening fire. It said Hams was in the car with the Hamas activists, escorting them to a police station as a way of defusing the standoff between them and the secret police.

Hamas said the secret police fired on the car as it pulled away, fatally injuring Hams and wounding the other two men.

"We put the full responsibility on the security appar-atus," said Hamas, which is fighting the PLO's peace deal by attacking Israelis. The authorities buried Hams apparently without having examined the bullets which killed him.



gold among Beirut ruins

BEIRUT (AFP) — Fortythousand people jumped to their feet Saturday to hail Lebanese diva Fayrouz as she gave her first concert in 19 years in the ruins of the warshattered Lebanese capital.

"I wish time could stand still now with Fayrouz. I wish tomorrow would never come," said Faten Abu Antun, a 25-year-old who came to Beirut from the mountain town of Dhur Al Shweir northeast of the capital.

Siham Bitar, who travelled to Beirut from Damascus with her husband for the occasion, said as she was leaving Martyr's Square: "It was pure gold. I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Fayrouz, 60, a household name in the Arab World, refused to sing in her native country after civil war erupted there in 1975. The conflict would drag on for 15 years, leaving 200,000 dead 300,000 injured.

Her return performance, accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra and a 16-member chorus, appeared to erase some of the deepest wounds. She appeared in a white

flowing robe on a stage in the shape of a sail boat before a sell-out crowd of 40,000 in what organisers billed as the largest event of its kind. The open air concert was held in Martyr's Square -

once the pulsating heart of the city and now reduced to rubble -- four days before a ceremony to mark the start of the city centre's reconstruc-Her audience included

President Elias Hrawi, Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri, government officials, foreign diplomats and French couturier Azzedine Alaya, who said he had come especially to attend the mega-show.

But the singer's real fans were Lebanese of humbler status: young, old, rich, poor, Muslims, Christians and former enemies who share a common passion for Fayrouz

and nostalgia for Beirut.
"Look at them, it's as if they're pilgrims visiting a holy site," said Lebanese

Poet Paul Shaul, pointing to the crowd as it began streaming into Martyr's Square three hours before the start of the concert.

"They didn't only come to hear Fayourz but to rediscover each other through her,' said Mr. Shaul. As Fayourz broke into her

first few songs, the officials seated in the front rows applauded discreetly while in the back dozens of youths clasped hands and danced the traditional dabkeh.

Dozens more flicked lighters and lit flashlights. "It's the first time I've felt I want to cry and laugh at the same time," said a young

woman as she swayed to the music. "We can't see too well from here," added another who sat 250 metres from the stage. "But this is a night to

remember." Fayrouz opened her twohour concert with a song entitied "We have found the light again, we have found freedom anew" and she ended it to thundering applause with: "Tomorrow, I'll return to

stand by your side." Even Mr. Hariri, the billionaire premier whose nomination in October 1992 triggered optimism in the West for the rebirth of Lebanon, joined the enthusiasm and clapped loudly as they audience demanded an en-

French Ambassador Jean-Pierre Laffon told AFP: "This was a site of deadly combat... but now a page has been turned.

"Beirut was wounded, it was martyred but now Beirut has been rediscovered," he added, paraphrasing Charles de Gaulle at the liberation of Paris from Nazi occupation 50 years ago.

Jan Gijs Schouten, charge d'affaires at the Dutch embassy in Damascus, praised the organisers: "The logistics are mind boggling. They have done a wonderful

"It's historic event to see Beirut alive again and so many people together," he

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Kenya calls summit to seek peace

in Sudan

NAIROBI (R) — Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al Bashir is due to hold talks with ineighbouring heads of state in Kenya on Monday in a renewed attempt to end the long-running civil war in southern Sudan.

A Kenyan government statement said General Bashir was due to arrive later on Sunday. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, Ethiopian President Meles Zenawi and Eritrean President Isavas Afewerki are expected to arrive on Monday. Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi will chair the talks

on Drought and Develop-ment (IGADD), which links the countries of the region. On Saturday Mr. Moi held talks in Kabarak, northwest of Nairobi, with Sudanese National Islamic Front leader

under the auspices of the

Inter-Government Authority

Hassan Al Tourabi. "Moi told Al Tourabi it was his wish that the next meeting of the Sudanese parties to the conflict would delve deep into the intricacies of the issue in a more serious manner than they have done hitherto," a senior presidential aide told Renters.

The last round of talks between the Sudanese government and southern rebel groups collapsed in Nairobi two weeks ago. The rebels said Khartoum

refused to soften its insistence on Islamic Sharia law and continued to reject selfdetermination for the south. The splintered rebels, mostly animists and Christians, have been fighting the

1983. IGADD has been trying since last year to bring the opposition sides together.

northern government since

A Kenyan official said at the weekend that Mr. Moi wanted to revive round-table negotiations where "we hope the sticky issues of selfdetermination and Sharia law can be resolved finally."

Mr. Moi had earlier told Sudanese leaders that his patience was running out because of an apparent lack of commitment to the search for peace from both the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). He urged them to change radically their attitude to the issue.

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Iran steps up fight against 'loose' women

TEHRAN (AFP) — Interior Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati has ordered a crackdown on women violating strict Islamic dress codes as part of a campaign in Iran against Western cultural influences. Speaking to officials in charge of the fight against "social corruption," Mr. charge of the fight against social corruption," Mr. Besharati blamed existing "immodesty" in Iran on the growing influence of Western culture. "I order that you crack down on the phenomenon of bad veil as an expression of decadent Western corruption," he said in a expression of decadent western corruption, he said in a expression of decadent western with paid, and only in a reference to women not covering themselves properly. Mr. Besharati, quoted by Johuri Islami, a daily close to lalanic hardliners, also called for measures to be stepped in against young men chasing schoolgirls, women riding with men on motorcycles "without respecting Islamic principles" and beggars.

South Africa sells arms to Lebanon

IOHANNESBURG (R) - South Africa has sold Lebanon arms including AK-47 assault rifles and ammunition worth 2.4 million rand (\$700,000), a spokesman for South Africa's Armscor arms agency said on Sunday. The weapons came from surplus defence stock," the spokesman said. He was commenting on a report in the Afrikaanlanguage Rapport newspaper that a shipment of tens of thousands of AK-47s in 33 containers had left for Lebanon from Port Elizabeth on Aug. 25. The AK-47 is widely used in southern Africa. It was issued to guerrillas of the African National Congress during the movement's armed struggle against white-led apartheid governments.

Pakistan ready to extradite three Egyptians

CAIRO (AFP) - Pakistan is ready to extradite three wanted Egyptian veterans of the Afghanistan war, Pakista ni Interior Minister Nasserullah Bader said in an interview published Sunday. "Pakistan is ready to honour the conditions of the extradition treaty" signed with Egypt in July, Mr. Bader told the Arabic daily Al Hayat published in London. The minister said the three Egyptians, two of whom had adopted Pakistani citizenship, were being held in Peshawar in northwestern Pakistani 77, 414 in Peshawar in northwestern Pakistan. He did not explain the reason for their arrest. According to Al Hayat, the three were on a list of wanted Islamic militants which Cain presented to Islamabad following the signing of the extradition treaty. Egypt's Interior Minister General Hassan Al Alfi said in August that around 30 wanted militare had been extradited to Egypt from a number of countries, which he did not identify.

U.N. troops disperse protesting Somalis

MOGADISHU (R) - Pakistani soldiers with the U.N. Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM) fired a smoke grenade to disperse a hostile crowd of Somalis outside the Sword miltiary base in Mogadishu on Saturday, a U.N. spokes man said. No casualties were reported. Somalia said the mob was shouting anti-U.N. slogans. Although no announcement has been made by the U.N., local reports say U.N. forces are about to evacuate the base. In another incident, armed Somalis set up a roadblock at the gate of the part of the set Baidoa airport, central Somalia, protesting at the loss of jobs resulting from the recent pullout of U.N. forces from the area. Indian U.N. troops and Somalia police dispersed in a national state of the state of th the demonstrators and removed the roadblock. Two Somalis were arrested and handed to Somali police.

WFP to feed displaced Yemenis

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THEATRE WORKSHOP: Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday attends one of a series of workshops held by a British theatre company, the Right Size, with a team of Jordanian theatre professionals and students. Upon the request of Jordanian actors, the British Council, in cooperation with the Theatre-in-Education programme of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, invited two members of the Right Size group to Jordan for a second visit, to work with selected Jordanian actors on improvised story-telling using selfcreation, mime, movement, Italian mask. music, and other physical comedy techniques, while stressing discipline and group work. The project will concentrate on using the workshop



techniques to develop performances, which will be held at the Royal Cultural Centre on Sept. 20 and 21. Queen Noor met the actors and dis-

cussed how they could use the new techniques in their professional life, in both teaching and acting. She expressed her hope

that they share their knowledge with their colleagues so that the workshop would have a broader impact (Photo by George Crystal)

Media production company to lease facilities in financial rescue bid — general manager

By Cathy King Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordan Company for Television, Radio and Cinema Production plans to lease its studies and equipment in a move to rescue itself from financial problems in two to three years, according to its general manager, Jawada Marageh.

Since the establishment of the shareholding company in 1983, of which the government and government-guided agencies own 52 per cent, it has accumulated debts of JD18 million. The lease, expected to be awarded to Sheikh Saleh Kamal in partnership with the Gulf Artistic Production Company (GAP), Dubai, will ease the burden of these debts, Mr. Maraqeh said.

The deadline for submission of bids is today, as announced in an invitation printed in the local press last week.

Businessmen interested in the lease have complained the time was tooshort for serious competitors to bid. They suggest that a deal between the company and the Sheikh Saleh-GAP partnerhip had been agreed prior to the official announcement.

Mr. Marageh refuted the insinuation. Interested parties could make an offer at any time, but extensive knowledge and experience in the field are prerequisites to acceptance, he

In recent interviews, Mr. Maraqeh and Dr. Fahed Fanek, head of an appointed management committee, said Sheikh Saleh-GAP were the only contenders.

Sheikh Saleh, a Saudi national who owns the Italian-based Arab Radio and Television Company, is one of the individual shareholders and owns 20 per cent of the original capital of the company. Between 1983 and 1986.

when the company was building its own premises, it used the JTV studios. The development of the studios and the enormity of the project was to create pan-Arab studios to replace those formerly used in Greece, Mr. Marageh

An Austrian consortium was contracted to design and construct a building made of expensive stone from the West Bank. It houses two 600-squaremetre studios, equipped by British firms, which supplied Japanese equipment, levying 26 per cent interest. on the cost price, according to Tareq Masarweh, who served as general manager of the company between 1983-85.

The expense outweighed the JD5 million capital (equivalent to \$15 million in 1983) by an additional JD5-5.5 million, which incurred soft loans from foreign banks, Messrs. Maragreh and Masarweh told the Jordan Times.

"It was a waste of money. Studios in Hollywood are built cheaper, said Mr. Masarweh.

It had the potential to be successful; from 1984-85 it produced a children's television workshop of 62 episodes, which earned the company \$1 million, Mr. Masarweh said. It also produced drama serials and sold them to Saudi Arabia, other Gulf states, Syria and Tunisia, he said.

"But the (overhead) costs were enormous." he added.

Mr. Marageh said that "to have borrowed more than the original capital was a mistake, not corrup-

He explained that liquidity problems were exacerbated after the Gulf crisis which led to a strain in Jordan's relations with the Gulf states, the company's main market.

Other difficulties contributing to the company's insolvency were the devaluation of the Jordanian dinar in 1988 and the increased focus on outdoor film shooting rather than using studio facilities, he

Mr. Maraqeh said there had been marketing problems as well. Some custom-

ers have difficulty paying in hard currencies; receipt of payment is often delayed and in some cases they do not buy the programmes after they have been produced, he explained.

He blamed the company's inability to develop, while smaller, private enterprises continue to do so, on its high running costs.

Mr. Maraqeh would like to see the company's equipment updated, to face increasing competition from television production businesses outside Jordan. The equipment has already exceeded its life expectancy of 5-7 years and has been rendered obsolete by the new era of production technology. But this would require a large budget, which the company, currently unable to repay its debts, does not have, he said.

The lease is a stopgap measure which, in time, may be able to assist the company in attaining Arab World recognition as originally conceived.

Despite the lease nistration will remain in the hands of the management committee, Mr. Marageh asserted.

The winners of the lease will be announced Monday and the sublet will begin on Oct. 1. Sources say that Sheikh Saleh is offering around JD 500,000 as lease payment, but Mr. Maraqeh declined to reveal specifics.

UNRWA employees to get raise — chief

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's more than 6,000 United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) em-ployees will receive a JD10 increment on their monthly salaries starting November, according to newly-appointed UNRWA Director in Jordan

Mr. Saaf, who made the announcement at a meeting with Minister of State Mohammad Thweib Sunday, said that the raise was in conformity with a govern-ment decision to give a JD10 monthly increase to civil servants this year.

Despite financial constraints on the agency, UN-RWA decided to go ahead with the raise, but it continues to face a recurrent deficit in its annual budget.

According to a draft report on UNRWA affairs to be submitted to the U.N. General Assembly by the agency's commissioner general, UNRWA's 1994-1995 operations budget is \$632.3 million, covering Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank and the Gaza

The agency announced last

month that it had started 1994 with a projected deficit of \$43 million in its regular and emergency budget. It had since been able to reduce the deficit to about \$30 million because of donations from several countries.

Mr. Thweib requested that UNRWA give special attention to the protection of the environment and cleanliness and hygiene in and around the refugee camps in Jordan.

In discussing the living conditions of camp residents, the minister told Mr. Saaf that the camps have witnessed

that resulted in additional pressure on the governmentrun health, educational and social services.

He urged the agency to increase the number of employees in cleaning services and health centres, and to extend the clinic hours to the afternoon instead of closing at 2:00 p.m.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that Mr. Saaf and Mr. Thweib agreed to form a joint committee to plan proiects for the development of the refugee camps.

CALL FOR EMPLOY-MENT CEILING: Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Sunday attends a meeting of Ministry of Planning department heads at which he called for a ceiling on the employment of additional staff at all ministries. Dr. Majali urged that a study of ministry staff requirements be made and stressed the importance of recruiting the most qualified individuals to fill department vacancies. Attending the regularly scheduled weekly meeting were Minister of Planning Hisham Khatib and Secretary General Nabil Ammari (Petra



HUDD to build housing for JEA staff — official

AMMAN (Petra) — The Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) plans to build a housing estate for Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) employees and workers in Aqaba at the cost of JD3.5 million, in accordance with a contract

signed in Amman Sunday. HUDD Director General Yousef Hiyasat said the JEA will build 144 housing units in 24 buildings with a total area of 550 square metres each, according to the plan.

The project entails setting up 96 units of the "A" category and 48 units of the "B category in these buildings. and each of the buildings will include six flats, said Mr. Hiyasat who signed the deal with JEA Director General Mohammad Saeed Arafeh.

The beneficiaries will be JEA staff, including clerical engineering and JEA Project workers, he said adding that the units will be occupied by the workers for as long as they are employed by the JEÀ.

According to Mr. Hiyasat. HUDD will also build facilities for social services and, will connect the housing estate to the local infrastructure of roads, water, sewerage, telephone and electricity networks.

Under the contract,



Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Director General Mohammad Saced Arafeh (second left) and Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) Direc-

tor General Yousef Hiyasat (third left) Sunday sign a contract for the construction of a housing estate for JEA staff in Aqaba (Petra photo)

HUDD will prepare the designs and the tender documents and award the construction work to a local contracting firm, Mr. Hiyasat

He added that the contracting firm, working under HUDD supervision, would be expected to complete the

construction in 18 months.

said that this was the first housing estate to be built by HUDD for JEA exployees and he expressed appreciation of the level of cooperasion with HUDD in benefit-

my the workers. Mr. Arafeh said the JEA intends to ensure appropriate ers at its projects in various housing for its employees in parts of the country.

For his part, Mr. Arafeh the Agaba region, where the JEA is operating major power projects including the Agaba Thermal Power Station and where a power link-

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JPA voices solidarity with Cuban people

Visiting team discusses effect of U.S. sanctions on island

By Odeh Odeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordan Press Association (JPA) Sun-day voiced its solidarity with the people of Cuba in the face of U.S. sanctions imposed on the Caribbean island for the peo- 32 years. JPA President Suleiman

Cuba is worse than weapons

of mass destruction and should be banned worldwide. Speaking at a meeting with visiting representatives of. Cuba's women's federation. Mariam Santana and ancym Iglesias, Mr. Qudah said the Arabs know full well the devastating consequences of embargoes imposed on Iraq.

the morale of nations. He said he recently visited Iraq and was deeply affected by the results of the sanctions imposed on the Iraqi peo -

and Libya, adding that

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Jordan Press Association President Suleiman Oudah Sunday meets with Miriam Santana and Nancy Iglesias, representing a Cuban women's federation. The two visiting women were accompanied by Mrs. Yacoub Zayadin (left)

situation in Cuba despite the hostile western media which aims at marring that country's image before the world,

said Mr. Qudah. For their part the twomember team referred to the several thousand Cuban

emigrants and said that west-

ern media and U.S. propaganda were exploiting the migration and referring to the

emigrants as "boat people." It is regrettable that the world knows so little about the 11 million people of Cuba where illiteracy is nonexistent and where everyone

enjoys free medical services, said the two women. Cuba has been struggling for survival under extremely difficult circumstances and has succeeded in protecting

its freedom and its dignity and independence against many odds in the face of the 32-year-old embargo, said the visiting team. With the exception of the United States, Israel and Romania, the present embar-

go was rejected by the U.N. General Assembly in its 91st and 92nd sessions as illegal, they added.
Ms. Santana and Ms. Iglesias, who arrived in Amman

Friday vere on Sunday re-ceived by Taher Masri. speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, who discussed Cuban-Jordanian parliamentary relations.

The Cuban team is due to leave for Havanna today after a meeting with Secretary General of the Jordanian Communist Party Yaqoub Zayadin.

School stampede injures 18 students

AMMAN (Petra) - An outdoor electrical emergency Sunday created a panic at the Laila Al Ghafariah School in south Marka resulting in the injury of 18 students.

An electrical contact caught a live cable and caused sparks and smoke outside the school.

In a panic, students and teachers stampeded out of the three-storey building.
The injured children were

taken to Ashrafiah Hospital for first aid and treatment. Two children were discharged, and nine others were listed in fair condition.

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Exhibition of oil paintings by Kamal Boullata entitled "Duets, Quartets, and a Triangle" at Darat Al Funum of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent exbibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists

(Tel. 643251/2). * Exhibition by artist Nadim Muhsin at the French Cultural Centre.

Exhibition of stained glass and icons by Olia Reciso at The Gallery at the Hotel Inter.Continental (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. except on Friday) (Tel. 641361).

Two exhibitions of abstract art respectively by Marwan 'Allan and a group of Jordanian artists at the Royal Cultural Centre.

★ Exhibition of paintings by Nasir Thamir at Ain Art Gallery, Wadi Saqra St. (Tel.)

"The Golden Crown Exhibition" of Jordanian national products at the Amman Auto Exhibition, Airport Road. Exhibition of handicrafts at Haya Cultural

Centre (Tel. 604600). Exhibition of oil paintings by Rashad Salim at Ab'ad Arty Gallery (10:00 a.m.-7:00

p.m.) (Tel. 819861). Exhibition of paintings by Syrian artist Walid Karisli at Baladna Art Gallery (Tel.

"The Diness Exhibit" — beginnings of photography in Jerusalem and the Holy Land at the American Center exhibition hall, Abdoun.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Royal Norwegian Embassy announces the opening of its Chancellery in Amman. The location is: Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle, Qais Bin Sa'ida Street, Villa 33. Opposite Hotel Inter.Continental. Opening hours: 09 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Visa Section: 10-12 a.m. Closed: Friday & Saturday. Tel.: 644932-644933-644934 cow has embarked on a perilous course by openly back-ing the armed opposition in breakaway Chechenya, where a major battle occurred this weekend, but the stakes are high as the outcome could set a precedent for other Russian republics

Trying to go it alone.

The tiny Caucasian republic. population 1.2 million, which declared independence three years ago is latest of a number of Russia's 89 constituent regions trying to quit the Russian Federation.

Some of these are rich in natural resources — Chechenya itself has a major oilfield — and want the freedom to profit to the maximum from their wealth.

Chechenya's President Dzhokhar Dudayev, who has The advantage of enormous "distance from Moscow, has ignored all attempts by the -Kremlin to bring him to heel. Openly sending in troops, showever, would revive the Chechens' instinctive dislike of Russians and could spark -off a guerrilla war in a region whose warlike people had resisted conquest by Russia for almost three centuries until the middle of last century, hbservers said

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MEXICO CITY (R) -

Armed Zapatista rebels have

declared a state of "red alert"

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other newspapers.

When the Provisional Council, an almost unknown opposition movement, announced on Aug. 2 that it had "removed" Mr. Dudayev from office, Moscow acknowledged it had given the group financial support.

Once in Chechenya, it is obvious that the opposition also receives arms and advisers from Moscow.

But the game is risky. Clashes in the past three weeks between opposition forces and troops loyal to Mr. Dudayev have failed to bear out the opposition's contention that it is powerful enough to "overthrow" the president "by military force."

And Moscow now is so committed to backing the opposition that if government forces prevailed, it would be seen as a Russian defeat. If this happened, Moscow would have the choice of intervening militarily or

admitting defeat, which would legitimise Chechenya's This, in turn, would encourage would-be rebels in

other Russian regions and put paid to two years of patient effort by Russian President Boris Yeltsin both through diplomacy and force — to smother seces-

patrols toward Zapatista-held

territory and resuming night-

ly aerial manoenvres over

The Mexican Defence

Ministry denied that it was

building up its forces in the

region. "The troop move-

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pensable relief operations,"

possibly as many as 500 by

unofficial counts, were killed

in Chiapas in the early days

of the revolt before a cease-

fire was called on Jan. 10.

high as landowners continue

to clash with peasants deman-

ding farmland. A rancher was

injured Friday when some 40

indigenous peasants armed

with sticks and stones over-

ran his farm, according to the

state newspaper El Nacional.

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peasant champion Emiliano Zapata, said the government

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years ago," Prince Charles

One of the ministers lead-

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silence for those we knew as

comrades in arms", and paid

tribute to what he called the

Arnhem '44 Spirit. "For

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Veteran Pat Stott, 72, said:

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got a lot of pals buried here. There were a lot of moist

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The Zapatistas, who took

But tensions are running

More than 150 people, and

it said in a statement.

Mexican rebels declare 'red alert'

Maya villages.

burgeoned in the heady days after the Soviet Union broke up into separate countries following an unsuccessful Moscow coup in August

However some analysts believe Moscow, by trumpeting its support for the rebels, has something else in mind.

The Russian government may be hoping Mr. Dudayev will agree to negotiate and then bring the republic back into the Russian fold as a face-saving measure.

Russian officials have denied talks are underway — or ever could be - with Chechenya's leader. But on Friday a Chechen

emissary arrived here and told a journalist he had come "to negotiate a treaty on a confederative basis which would preserve Chechen

Other analysts foresee a less peaceful scenario, in which Russia would let a civil war drag on until it degenerated into a guerrilla conflict because neither side was capable of winning.

Russian troops could then intervene officially to "reimpose order", probably with the support of at least some of the population. Both of these last two op-

'The breach of the cease-

fire by federal troops, and the

subsequent unleashing of

hostilities is part of a plan by

the usurper Carlos Salinas De

Gortari to create a situation

that will allow him to remain

in power," the statement

cused President Salinas,

whose six-year term ends on

Dec. 1, of stealing the 1988

They also say the opposi-

tion candidate of the Demo-

cratic Revolutionary Party,

Amado Avendano, was che-

ated out of victory in the

gubernatorial election in Chiapas held last month by

the ruling Institutional Re-

A Catholic organisation.

the Mexican Episcopal Con-

ference, said a committee of

seven bishops will try to meet.

EZLN representatives next week in a bid to help resume

peace talks that broke down

due to begin on Sept. 27 near

inquiry, the spokesman said.

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added advantage of eliminating the possibility that one of Yeltsin's personal enemies, former parliamentary speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, might emerge as Chechenva's Mr. Khasbulatov appears

increasingly likely to succeed Mr. Dudayev if the opposi-

Both options would also explain why Moscow's arms shipments to the rebels appear to be only dribbling through and timed to help the opposition in specific clashes rather than ensuring an overall victory

On Saturday, Mr. Dudayev's forces failed to dislodge opposition forces in a major battle at Tolstoy-Yurt that left a number of people dead, Chechen government sources said.

The loyalist forces succeeded however in taking control of a key road some 15 kilometres north of the Chechen capital Grozny, according to a ministry source who asked not to be

The battle marked a steep escalation in the standoff between Mr. Dudayev, a former Soviet Air Force general, and the Moscow-backed

sign truce

rebel leaders signed an agree-ment in Tehran Sunday to stop fighting in the run-up to presidential elections in November, Iran's official news agency (IRNA) said.

It said the ceasefire would go into effect once U.N. officials are deployed on the border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan, where the still-active rebel forces and tens of thousands of civilians

Opposition forces, many of them Islamists with whom Iran has sympathy, lost power to Communists after a bloody clan war in 1992. Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States back Taiwan plane pulling drone is shot down the government forces, and Russia has 25,000 troops in

> The agreement, reached Saturday in the Iranian capital, appeared designed to allow the opposition take part in the Nov. 6 presidential elections and a referendum on a new constitution while setting the stage for a more permanent peace.

Tajikistan is one of the poorest former Soviet Muslim republics.

release as praising the con-structive spirit which allowed an agreement to be signed "on a temporary ceasefire and cessation of other hostilities until a referendum on a new constitution and presidential election."

Tajik government rebels

NICOSIA (R) — Government of the former Soviet Republic of Tajikistan and

have taken refuge.

Tajikistan.

Whitestone, who is deaf, will be the first Miss America with a disability (AFP photo) Heather Whitestone (right), Miss Alabama, is crowned Miss America by outgoing Miss America, Kimberly Afken in Atlantic City.

Deaf dancer crowned Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (Agencies) — A deaf dancer from Alabama won the 68th annual Miss America pageant Saturday, becoming the first woman with a disability to When she performed in

win the crown. Heather Whitestone, 21, was the only contestant to win two preliminary competitions, in the swimsuit and talent categories.

Whitestone was born with hearing but lost it after a reaction to a diphtheriatetanus shot when she was 18 months old. She seemed not to realise

she'd won when the first runner-up was announced. Then she started to cry and ducked her head to receive the crown from the outgoing Miss America, Kimberly Aiken

As she returned to the stage after walking down the runway, she signed, "I love

"Her winning the Miss America competition will give inspiration to deaf children that they can also fulfill their dreams of who they want to be, whether it be Miss America or a lawyer or a teacher," said Sherry Duhon, a spokeswoman for Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., the world's only liberal arts university for the deaf.

Ms. Whitestone enchanted the judges with her talent routine, a 2 1-2-minute ballet performed to the song, Via Dolorosa. Although she can't hear the music, she counts

beats in her head, and synchronises her dance moves to reflect changes in pitch - for example, a leap to coincide with a crescendo.

preliminary competition, the crowd in the Atlantic City Convention Centre gave her three thunderous ovations before she was finished and another at the end. The same thing happened Saturday. She also won a swimsuit

preliminary, becoming the 28th woman in pageant history to win two preliminary events. Fourteen of them have gone on to win the

An accounting major at Jacksonville State University, Ms. Whitestone aspires to becoming a chartered accountant and a dance

Model Cheryl Tiegs, Olympic speed skater Dan Jansen and pianist Michael Feinstein headed the panel of celebrity judges chosen to crown one of 50 contestants in the nationally televised сететопу

For the first time, contestants in the swimsuit competition were allowed to go barefoot rather than walk down the runway in high heels. Pageant President Leonard

Horn said the heels were eliminated in favour of a production number in which contestants will pose on a simulated beach, which he called a more natural setting.

The pageant was not without its detractors. American Indians were up-

set over the use of an Indian burial scaffold for a dance routine by Miss South Dako-ta Kristi Lynn Bauer in the talent competition. They called it sacrilegious but she resisted calls to drop the routine. Fewer than 10 people turned out for a muchpublised protest Thursday. The pageant also was dog-

ged by a threat of a strike by about 10,000 hotel workers. The pageant began in 1921 and has been held every year since, with the exception of 1928-1932 and

President Bill Clinton Saturday took time out from a briefing about plans for invading Haiti to extend best wishes to an admiral's daughter who won the swimsuit competition in the Miss

America pageant. Cullen Johnson, 23, who is Miss Virginia, won the swimsuit competition Tuesday night and was pictured in her winning form on the front page of the Waashington Post style section Saturday.

She is the daughter of Rear Admiral Jay Johnson, who is on board the command ship Mount Whitney off the coast of Haiti. He and other invasion commanders talked to Mr. Clinton by way of a video-teleconference link with the Pentagon.

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said some of the other admirals were ribbing Johnson about his daughter and that "the president wished his daughter well."

of its nuclear sites over the

But the conference was un-

likely to pass any tough-

worded resolutions to avoid

ruffling feathers before the

Mr. Blix will also address

cases of plutonium and ura-

nium smuggling. Police in

Germany have recently

seized four consignments of

radioactive material and

another was intercepted in

holds the presidency of the

European Union, asked for

"There will probably be some form of resolution invit-

the issue to be raised.

Germany, which currently

Bulgaria last week.

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Geneva talks.

"If it's not stopped, Disney will be a model for other corporations," Mr. Nader Second crew of

to go," those opposing the plan marched from the

Washington Monument to

the Capitol, stopping briefly in front of the White House,

Ralph Nader, a consumer

advocate and founder of the

non-profit watchdog orga-

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couraged the opponents to

keep up their fight. The activist stressed Disney's "phi-

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Disney created in Orlando around Disney World, which

has its own tax assessing pow-

ers and private police force.

biosphere 2

emerges

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -Seven people moved out of the sealed Biosphere 2 ecological laboratory after a sixmonth stay, severing the proects's last ties with a discredited management team. The conclusion of their stay was a milestone in project backer Ed Bass' efforts to put aside Biosphere's image as a blend of fuzzy science and new age philosophy and legitimise the glass dome as a research tool accepted by mainstream scientists. "I think this mission will become known as the shakeup cruise," said crew Captain John Druitt of England. The project's first twoyear mission, which ended. last Sept. 26, was known as the shakedown cruise. This time. Mr. Druitt said. "we've shaken the Biosphere from top to bottom and all the loose ends have fallen out." Biosphere's new administration has created a research consortium with scientistsfrom Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. A team of top scientific consultants has begun writing a series of papers to be the basis of a new scientific research plan. One problem Biosphere 2 is particularly well-suited to study is the effect that rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide will have on plants over the next century, said geology Professor Wallace Broecker of Lamont-Doherty. The crew members all appeared healthy and well-fed, in contrast to the haggard, gaunt appearance of the first crew when they left the domed. glass-and-steel structure 25

Tourists hurt in Kenya hot-air balloon crash

Tucson.

miles (40-kms) northeast of

NAIROBI (R) - A hot-air balloon carrying foreign tour-ists over Kenya's Masai Mara Game Reserve crashed, injuring four passengers and their American pilot, witnesses said Saturday. The balloon apparently encountered unexpected turbulence which caused it to lose height and crash. A Nairobi hospital spokesman said the pilot and a Swiss woman tourist had been admitted for treatment. Two Japanese tourists were treated for slight injuries and discharged. Another Swiss received first-aid treatment after the crash. Several hotair balloons operate regular game-viewing flights for tour-ists in the Masai Mara Roserve near the Kenya-Tanzania border.

Napoleon's mother's bureau sold in Zurich

ZURICH, Switzerland (AFP) — A bureau once owned by Napoleon Bonaparte's mother has been sold at a Swiss auction for 201,600 Swiss francs (about \$160,000) to a foreign buyer, the Swiss galery Koller announced Saturday. The piece of fumiture dates to the end of the 50th anniversary during 1995. I 18th century.

IAEA holds meeting amid N. Korea hopes ance to allow full inspections based nuclear arm of the

United Nations, has been

careful to avoid comment on

the series of preliminary talks between U.S. and North Ko-

rean officials in Berlin and

But one agency official said

that whatever the outcome of

the talks, the vexed issue of

Pyongyang last week.

VIENNA (R) — The United

IRNA quoted a U.N. news

the graves, encircled by trees, bore the names of glider pilots, paratroopers and other airborne forces, mostly Some graves bore a perNations nuclear safeguards agency holds its annual conference this week amid hopes of a breakthrough over North Korea's nuclear programme and growing concern over

Energy Agency (IAEA) conference opens Monday with U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and ministers from 14 other countries, including Japan, due to address delegates from 120 member states.

For the first time in two years, North Korea was unlikely to dominate the fiveday meeting, as high-level talks between Pyongyang and Washington on the secretive Communist country's nuclear programme were scheduled to begin Friday in Geneva.

The IAEA, the Vienna-

North Korea's missing plutonium would have to be broached at some point in the The IAEA suspects North

Korea has hidden plutonium from its inspectors.

"We are perfectly con-vinced they have got more (plutonium) but we can't prove it," one official said.

IAEA Director General Hans Blix was expected to give conference delegates an overview of the North Korea issue and Pyongyang's reluct-

ing the director general to convene a group of experts... to determine what the agency can do in this field," an IAEA official said.

U.N.'s annual diplomatic bazaar opens on Sept. 20 UNITED NATIONS (R) — One of the Assembly's first sary funds. The 15-member

The annual diplomatic bazaar known as the U.N. General Assembly opens Tuesday. almost as important as a meeting place as for the decisions it takes. President Bill Clinton, now

ters in an interview. "We're a young regiment and it's our deeply involved in a U.N.most famous battle honour. authorised operation to restore democracy to Haiti, will address the U.N. body on We always look back on it as an example of courage and Sept. 26. But a plan for 60 veteran Russian President Boris

United States.

With more than 70,000

U.N. troops and observers

deployed in 16 trouble spots,

from Yugoslavia to Somalia

and from Rwanda to Cyprus,

the problems of peacekeep

ing will be highlighted in

But assembly involvement

in these operations is largely

confined to voting the neces-

many of the speeches.

survivors of the battle, now in Yeltsin, grappling with their 70's and 80's, to relive peacekeeping problems of his that fateful day by jumping own in parts of the former alongside the regiment's Soviet Union, speaks the young soldiers was called off same day. They will be among the first to take part in the due to the high winds and fears for their safety.

Many of the veterans, from Assembly's three-week Britain, Commonwealth general debate, when government heads and foreign countries. Poland and ministers deliver speeches France, had trained for up to two years for the comclosely scanned for clues to memorative parachute drop future policy. and all said they were deeply Pope John Paul II, who last disappointed their big day addressed the United Nations was called off. in 1979, returns to the blue and gold Assembly hall on Oct. 21, during a visit to the

Several said they were still keen to go. But others accepted the military's decision to call it off. "I wouldn't have cared for a jump in this weather," veteran Gus Woods, 72, said.

"Arnhem made the reputation of the parachute regiment in the British army," said Colonel David Parker. "It showed sheer guts and determination."

Security Council, which meets almost daily, is in charge of matters affecting international peace and security.

The 184-nation Assembly has increasingly been relegated to the status of a town meeting, sounding out opinion on a variety of topics, trying to fashion a consensus where possible, and helping to set long-term goals. With more than triple the

membership of 51 at the organisation's founding in 1945, the assembly has neither the authority nor the ability to deal promptly with issues of war and peace.

One of its key functions is to provide the occasion for the biggest annual gathering of top diplomats, enabling foreign ministers from all over the world to meet their counterparts.

Instead of travelling hundreds of thousands of miles to conduct business, they merely ride an elevator to another hotel floor, take a short drive to a nearby restaurant, or repair to a discreet corner of the U.N. complex, accompanied by the inevitable phalanx of security guards.

Apart from speeches of major interest, the Assembly's proceedings often serve as a background while diplomacy is conducted else-

actions will be to appoint the foreign minister of the Ivory Coast, Amara Essy, as its president. The post rotates annually among the U.N.'s five main regional groups and this year is Africa's turn.

Mr. Essy, 49, served as his country's U.N. representative from 1981 to 1990 and will succeed Ambassador Samuel Insanally of Guyana in the prestige-filled post of

After spending decades battling South Africa and its apartheid system, the assembly now finds this topic stripped from its agenda. The installation last May of a nonracial government in Pretoria was followed in June by the restoration of South Africa's Assembly seat after a 20-year suspension.

While Middle East issues still loom large on the 150-item agenda, the United Nations is involved only on the periphery of negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbours, where Washington serves as the main

mediator.
As during the past two Assembly sessions, a large majority is again likely to be mustered in favour of ending the three-decade-old United States economic embargo of Cuba.
The two countries held

direct talks earlier this month

to end the flood of Cuban migrants fleeing to Florida but Washington has so far refused to discuss their longstanding political and ideological differences.

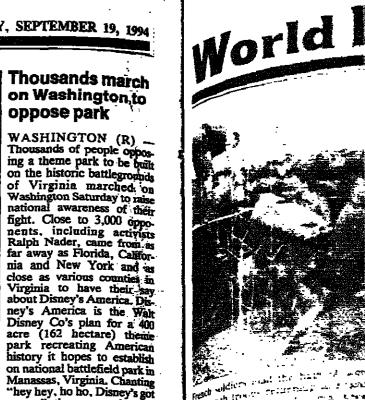
A renewed attempt to raise the question of a U.N. seat for Taiwan will, like last year. almost certainly be squashed in the Assembly's steering committee and fail even to be inscribed on the agenda. Taiwan was ousted from the world body in 1971 when the Assembly awarded China's seat to Beijing. Later in the session, the

Germany, Italy, Honduras, Indonesia and Botswana to two-year terms on the security Council, beginning Jan. 1, A committee which has been working on enlarging the 15-nation Council recent ly agreed only that it should expanded, but without decid-

Assembly is expected to elect

ing how many new members should be added or whether any should receive permanent seats. The committee has gone back to the drawing board and will report back in about

a year's time. This dashed hopes, especialy by Germany and Japan, of gaining permanent berths on the U.N.'s most prestigious body by the time the organisation celebrates its



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French soldiers load the bags of some of the 170 French troops returning to France at the eastern Zairean airport of Goma. About 280 of the 500 French troops based in Goma since the

humanitarian Operation Turquoise ended remain, and they should be progressively pulled out by the end of September (AFP photo)

Zaire wants Rwandan refugees moved from frontier camps

KIGALI (R) — Zaire, trying to cope with an estimated one million Rwandan refugees camped inside its borders, has asked for U.N. help to move some away from the frontier, a senior U.N. official said Sunday.

Ambassador Shaharyar Khan, the U.N. special representative to Rwanda, told reporters the Zairean authorities had requested help to move tens of thousands of refugees to a camp 150 kilometres away from the

Another U.N. official said the proposal was aimed at army and militias of the ousted Rwanda government, who are accused of terrorising the estimated one million refugees still in Zaire.

"Zaire has made it clear that it wants to separate the defeated army from the rest of the refugees," said the second U.N. official, who asked not to be named.

"If they are moved, then the ordinary peasants can decide freely whether they want to go home or not.'

A tidal wave of refugees poured into the Zairean border town of Goma in July following the defeat of the former government by the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF).

Aid agencies estimate 28,000 troops of the defeated Rwandan army crossed with the other refugees. Some were disarmed but many retained and hid weapons.

In addition to threatening Rwandans against returning to their home country, there have been reports that some former soldiers also are planning guerrilla attacks into,

Over the past fortnight, the U.N. has said it was imperative to end the former army's rule of terror so the peasants could return to their homes and farms before the coming rainy season.

Mr. Khan said the decision on whom should be moved would be made by a Joint. Task Force consisting of the U.N., their aid agencies and Zaire which would meet in the next few days.

Zaire said earlier this month it wanted the Rwandan refugees on its territory to leave by the end of the month and promised to stop Hutu militiamen terrorising refugees into staying.
Diplomats in Kigali,

however, said it could be difficult to move the defeated army from its present power base. There are not enough U.N. troops to consider moving them into the camps to disarm the Rwandans.

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If the defeated Rwandan soldiers are to be moved, Mr. Khan said, they would have to be treated as civilians so

the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) could transport them if neces-

"The conversion would be optical not real," Mr. Khan said. "The army would be put in civilian dress because constitutionally UNHCR and ICRC cannot provide aid to people in uniform.'

The Joint Task Force would report to the U.N. within a fortnight on sites for the new camps, the cost of the operation, and on numbers to be moved.

The international community would be asked to finance the transfer because Zaire has neither the money nor the logistics for such an operation.

Mr. Khan said Zaire had also asked that senior officials of the ousted Rwandan government be moved from

"Zaire does not want to be accused (by the new Rwan-

dan government) of harbouring people who are fomenting revolution," he said.

Mr. Khan could not say which other country might accept the leaders of a regime which has been accused of geno-

Meanwhile, Rwandan Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu has appointed Jean-Baptiste Nduwingoma as his information minister, Rwanda Radio reported.

Mr. Twagiramungu announced the appointment at a meeting of the council of ministers, which Saturday discussed the setting-up of a parliament.

The government asked the various political formations to prepare to present their candidates, the radio said.

No parliament has functioned in Rwanda since the April assassination of Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana that spurred ethnic bloodletting which killed hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsis.



Twelve-year-old Rwandan refugee Philipe Miribo (centre) leaves the eastern Zairean airport of Goma for a Parisian hospital with 170 French troops returning to France. Miribo was badly injured while picking up a grenade that killed his brother, on a Goma street. The weapon cut off his left hand and his face to pieces. The surgery unit of the French military hospital at the airport saved his life, reshaped his face and saved one of his eyes (AFP photo)

Hong Kong votes in modest numbers in first test of Patten's reforms

HONG KONG (Agencies) - Hong Kong voters came out in modest numbers Sunday to vote for the first time under democratic reforms introduced by Governor Chris Patten that have enraged

By early evening, nearly 22 per cent of registered voters had cast ballots for new district advisory councils, known as district boards, in the first test of public support for Patten's controversial reforms in the British territory, 33 months before its handback to China.

The proportion was similar to that seen at the last district board elections three years

ago.
"I hope it's very satisfying Mr. day for Hong Kong," Mr. Patten told reporters as he visited a suburban polling station. "I think it's the mark of a civilised society like this to see husbands and wives coming in with their children to

cast their votes." Polls were to close at 10:30

p.m. (1430 GMT) with first

results due after midnight. At stake are 346 seats on 18 district boards, which advise the government on such neighbourhood issues as garbage collection, noise batement, road works and

It is the first time all seats are being filled by election previously some were appointed by the governor — and three political parties, including one closely allied with Beijing, are in the run-

But with only about 40 per cent of voters expected to turn out on an overcast day, political analysts say Hong Kong's traditional antipathy for politics risked confusing the outcome.

China has already declared it will scrap all tiers of elected government in Hong Kong come July 1997, including the next Legislative Council to be elected in September next

Though Beijing never en-

dorsed Mr. Patten's reforms, one of its main newspapers in Hong Kong, Wen Wei Po. said it was "a matter of course" for those who "love China and love Hong Kong" to cast their ballots.

Activists from Hong Kong's major political parties converged outside polling stations to canvass lastminute support, while many public buildings had been plastered overnight with bright posters for various In a survey of 813 voters,

the Sunday Morning Post newspaper found 51 per cent still undecided. Of those who had chosen, 15 per cent opted for the Democratic Party, whose leaders are critical of day after the unexpected China's Communist regime. meeting between Mr. She-The Democrats have 133 vardnadze and Mr. Ardzincandidates in the running. ba. compared with 90 for the pro-business Liberal Party

and 83 for the Democration

Alliance for the Betterment

of Hong Kong, which has closed ties with Beijing.

Bosnian Serbs expel hundreds of Muslims

SARAJEVO (R) — Bosnian Serbs, defiant in the face of further isolation, expelled nundreds of Muslims from Serb-held territory Sunday and continued blocking water and power supplies to the

capital Sarajevo. Bosnian Muslim civilians driven from their homes in the Bijeljina region of northeast Bosnia in the latest wave of Serb "ethnic cleansing" crossed front lines to government-held land, the International Committee of the Red Cross and U.N. relief officials said.

The refugees told aid workers some 1,700 people had been forced out of Janja, 10 kilometres south of Bijel-jina, according to Margerite Prins, a representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). "We don't have that much

information at the moment. But we think about 1.000 people have come across so far." Ms. Prine said in Ms. Prins said in Muslim-held Tuzla.

"We are expecting 1,700 before the day is out, based on what those people crossing have told us.

The refugees had to walk across front lines to safety in the Tuzla area, and some had to be taken to hospital for treatment for exhaustion. The latest expulsions

the number of Muslim driven from their homes in Bosnia by Serb forces since mid-July. Sunday's influx of refugees came a day after about 700 Muslims, mostly women, children and the elderly, fled Serb-held Banja Luka, the

brought to more than 7,000

The U.N. Security Council and international human rights organisations have condemned the recent Serb campaign of ethnic cleansing, but

United Nations said.

appear powerless to stop it. Bosnian Serbs showed no signs of easing a blockade of utilities to Sarajevo, where people have been forced to carry water from natural springs and tank trucks.

The Bosnian capital has been without electricity, water and gas since Thursday, when Serb forces surrounding the city cut off supplies in move reminiscent of the darkest days of the city's

"There's no doubt now this is being condoned at the highest levels by Bosnian Serb officials," a U.N. source, who asked not to be named, said Sunday., U.N. peacekeeping offi-

cials were still trying to per-suade the Serbs to relent, but talks with Serb leaders Saturday proved unsuccessful. The embattled city's hospitals bore the brunt of the

utilities cuts. "We have no water or electricity and we are running the generator for emergency cases only in the surgery theatre," said Dr. Meldiana Omerbegovic, a surgeon at the Kosevo Hospital.

Serbs control the low of gas and electricity to Sarajevo and road access. Water cannot be pumped without electric power.

The latest Serb move has prompted fears they are retaliating against U.N. plans to take tougher measures against them for rejecting the latest international peace

The big power "contact group" for Bosnia — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany asked the Security Council Friday to tighten sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs to try to force them to negoti-



A customs officer of rump Yugoslavia (centre) the Bosnian border. The international civilian checks the papers of a driver and the trunk of monitors have not been deployed on the a car at the Yugoslav border crossing point on borders yet (AFP photo)

They also urged the U.N. to ease sanctions against Yugoslavia in return for its military blockade imposed against the Bosnian Serbs for opposing the peace deal.

The major powers said the sanctions against Yugoslavia should be eased to allow international air travel and sports and cultural links for an initial 100 days while international monitors check the border blockade.

Meanwhile French Defence Minister Francois Leotard said Sunday France currently opposes massive air strikes against Bosnian Serbs because they would endanger United Nations peacekeepers on the ground.

When one talks of massive attacks, our soldiers are in direct contact with the adversaries," Mr. Leotard

strike by air?" he asked in an

interview on France-2 Televi-

sion. "I have a responsibility. I don't want to needlessly endanger the peacekeepers' lives.

Mr. Leotard had been asked about a split between U.N. and NATO commanders over the issue of new air attacks, for which NATO wants more support after increased Serb attacks on socalled "safe areas" in Bosnia and in heavy weapons exclusion zones.

Mr. Leotard said military action was still an option for the major powers, but for the moment he opposed such a move because of the opposi-tion of U.N. commanders and the exposure of many French and British troops, he

"One must always listen to the commanders on the ground," Mr. Leotard said. Mr. Leotard said the situation around Sarajevo was "very serious" but also "very

'About half of the ceasefire violations are due to the Muslims," he said. "The most recent firing on the Sarajevo Airport runways came from Bosnian Mus-

lims. Mr. Leotard reiterated France's opposition to a lifting of the Bosnian arms embargo, saying it should only be a last resort.

Referring to his plan to attend a NATO defence ministers' meeting in Seville, Spain, at the end of the month, he said this did not signal a change in French

policy. Although France would not rejoin NATO's military structure, it would consider attending future defence meetings "on a case-by-case basis," he said.

While remaining a full pc.i-tical member of NATO, Paris withdrew from the alliance's Military Command 23 years ago to protest at what it saw as U.S. domination of its operations.

Yeltsin LONDON (R) - The Un-

to meet Georgian, Abkhaz leaders

MOSCOW (R) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin plans to meet the leaders of Georgia and its breakaway region of Abkhazia Monday to discuss the long-running conflict in the former Soviet republic, ITAR-TASS news agency said Sunday.

Quoting Mr. Yeltsin's press secretary Vyacheslav Kostikov, it said the talks with Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze and Abkhazia's Vladislav Ardzinba would be held in the Black Sea resort of Sochi where Mr. Yeltsin is on holiday. Earlier, Mr. Yeltsin met

his defence minister, Pavel Grachev, who reported on talks Friday between Mr. Shevardnadze and Mr. Ardzinba.

Georgia and Abkhazia agreed Saturday to resettle thousands of ethnic Georgians who fled the secessionist region a year ago in a war, Russia's independent NTV television channel reported. The deal was concluded in

the Abkhaz capital Sukhumi between Gen. Grachev, his Georgian counterpart Verden Nadibaidze and Mr. Ardzinba, NTV said Saturday.

Gen. Grachev told NTV the resettlement would begin in the coming days and that Georgia would withdraw its military equipment from the area. The return had been due to start last Wednesday. It was the first major breakthrough in the conflict since Abkhaz rebels drove Georgian forces from the region a year ago.

Mr. Grachev was sent to the region earlier this week to try to defuse a crisis over the proposed return of the re-

The Abkhaz parliament denounced the Russian peacekeeping force, sta-tioned on the border between Georgia and Abkhazia, over its plans to allow thousands of Georgians back into the southern Abkhaz district of Gali. Some 250,000 ethnic Geor-

gians were forced out of Abkhazia by separatists backed unofficially by some Russian army officers. The agreement on resettling the refugees came just a

A year ago, former Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze was forced to flee Abkhazia under fire in a military aircraft after the re-

After Haiti, U.S. may face Bosnia mission

ited States, poised to invade Haiti, may soon have troops to Bosnia for the first time to help a withdrawal of U.N. peacepeekers, diplomats and Western military sources say.

NATO agreed last week to draw up contingency plans for an alliance force, includig U.S. troops, to be sent in if an arms embargo is lifted and the "blue helmets" are attacked while attempting to pull out of Bosnia.

While the plans will require political approval and would be used only if the U.N. forces ran into trouble, they point to a disturbing scenario for Washington and its allies. U.N. forces in Bosnia will

be withdrawn if arms embargo is lifted to help the Muslim-led government. Washington, despite opposition from its allies, is seeking U.N. approval for lifting the ban and may do so unilaterally if necessary.

"There is tremendous, bitter irony here," said one European diplomat, who asked not to be identified.

"There is quite a reasonable chance that the Americans will effectively force the U.N. troops to withdraw from Bosnia and will then have to commit their own troops under the worst possible circumstances as a re-

If this happens, U.S. President Bill Clinton will face another difficult choice. His plan to invade Haiti has been unpopular in Congress diacks public support. To prevent further damage

to his credibility at home, Mr. Clinton could obviously refuse to commit U.S. troops to aid a withdrawal from Bosnia — an operation that would be bloodier and far more difficult than the invasion of Haiti.

But diplomats said he would then be accused by key NATO allies like France and Britain of abandoning them to their fate, causing serious damage to trans-Atlantic relations already strained by differences over how to end the war in Bosnia.

Until now, Washington has said it would deploy ground troops in Bosnia only as part of a NATO force to police a peace deal agreed by all the

warring parties. Wary of greater involvement in peacekeeping following a disaster in Somalia, the United States would prefer to

offer only air support to any future U.N. withdrawal from Bosnia, using warplanes already patrolling the skies But U.N. and NATO milit-

complicated.'

ary officials say that would not be enough if the peacekeepers run into serious problems and the United States has reluctanti approved the start of NATO planning for an alliance ground force in case it is needed.

The commander of U.N. troops in former Yugoslavia, French General Bertrand De Lapresle, said during a visit to NATO last week that he could need help from the 16-nation alliance if the evacuation from Bosnia ran into trouble.

There are more than 20,000 U.N. troops in Bosnia but they are lightly-armed and would be unable to fight their way through to the Adriatic coast or to airports for evacuation if they came under attack, military officials say.

Although the United Nations and NATO hope the peacekeepers will be able to leave with the minimum of trouble, they are worried that the troops will be perceived

by the Serbs as hostile forces if the arms embargo is lifted. U.N. commanders have

two sets of plans for a possible evacuation, military sources say. The first assumes a "benign environment" and would require only some extra transport planes from NATO and existing air cover. the second set of plans provide for evacuation in a

ary sources said the U.N. troops would be able to do little else but regroup, dig in and wait for NATO help if they were under attack. Deploying U.S. troops as part of that force would be

"hostile environment". Milli-

unpopular with Congress. which may force Mr. Clinton to lift the arms embargo unilaterally if there is no U.N. support.

But military officials say the use of U.S. military might would be a vital part of any alliance deployment in Bos-

"The Americans are the ones with the speed and the power we would need if things went badly wrong with a withdrawal." said one NATO military official. "The peacekeepers who are in Bosnia are too lightweight to get

out on their own."

South African leaders to discuss Zulu split

JOHANNESBURG (R) — President Nelson Mandela will hold talks Monday with two of South Africa's most influential Zulu leaders in a bid to defuse growing ten-

sions in the tribal region. A spokesman for Mr. Mandela said Sunday he would meet Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, at the king's palace in Nongoma in the Kwazulu-Natal region.

"(They) will meet to exchange views and clear the confusion and tension sur-rounding the Shaka Day celebration," the spokesman

"The three leaders are keen to ensure this day is celebrated with the dignity befitting King Shaka, a national hero who is revered beyond the borders of any single province. They are confident that

this matter will be resolved in a manner that will allow the day to be celebrated with the integrity it deserves," the spokesman said. Shaka Day, to be marked ceremony the Reed Dance, next Saturday, commemoat the king's residence.

rates the 19th century warrior king regarded as the founder of the Zulu tribe, which today numbers about nine million people and is South Africa's biggest ethnic group. A row erupted last month over an invitation to the event which King Zwetithini was reported to have sent to Mr. Mandela. Mr. Buthelezi, who is the king's uncle and calls himself the king's traditional prime minister, said he knew nothing about an in-

vitation. Mr. Buthelezi, who serves as home affairs minister in the government of national unity, waged a bitter campaign against Mr. Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) in the run-up to the country's first all-race elec-

tions last April. About 15,000 people were killed in violence fuelled largely by ANC-Inkatha rivalry in the last decade.

The controversy over the Shaka Day celebration was among several incidents in recent months signalling a split between Mr. Buthelezi and the king. Mr. Buthelezi, 65, has for

many years maintained close

links with the king in what

political analysts saw as a strategy to gain the support of Zulu royalists. Last Saturday Mr. Buthelezi failed for the first time in a decade to attend an important traditional Zulu

Senior members of the ANC, National Health Minister Nkosizana Zuma and her husband Jacob, a minister in the regional administration, shared the platform with the king and inkatha provincial Premier Frank Mdlalose.

Italy's Bossi renews attacks on Berluscomi

ROME (R) — The appointment of a new group of programme directors at state broadcaster RAI has undermined the fragile relationship between Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and his unpredictable Northern League allies.

"It's been a bad day for the League. The League has suffered a heavy blow. From today Berlusconi has in fact six television channels," fiery Northern League leader Umberto Bossi told a rally Saturday night.

Media magnate Berlusconi's Fininvest holding owns three commercial television channels which are the main rivals to the RAI's own three channels.

Mr. Berlusconi swept to power in a general election ast March at the head of a Freedom Alliance in which his own Froza Italia (Go Italy) Party, the neo-fascist-led National Alliance and the League were the main part-

ners. The League supplies five ministers to the Berlusconi government although Mr.

Bossi is not one of them. The relationship between Mr. Bossi and Mr. Berlusconi has been stormy, with the Northern League leader mounting a series of verbal attacks on the prime minister who took office in May.

Mr. Bossi told Saturday night's raily that the League would continue to support the government but press ahead with plans to introduce anti-trust legislation in the

sphere of the media. The daily newspaper La Stampa wrote Sunday that Italy was entering a new political phase which seemed likely to lead to early elections next spring. Mr. Bossi created a storm

last month when he accused

Berlusconi of secretly plo:-

ting snap elections, an accusation which the prime minister dismissed out of hand. The latest bone of contention is Saturday's appointment of editors for the state radio and television network, which split the five-member

RAI board, two of whom reportedly voted against the nominations. Mr. Bossi accused N. .. Berlusconi of reverting old-style politics and denying the League any representa-

tion in the RAI. "Berlusconi and his friends came to an agreement, : gave the Communists third (television) channel at so we find ourselves b with a regime that wants control everyone and ever thing," the Northern Le.

leader said. Under the eld order Italian politics, which exist until a corruption scarif swept many players from the scene, top public sector to were carved up seements at established political particle.

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Preparing for the big one

OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE reaction to Friday's early morning earthquake, some 30 kilometres west of Amman, is indeed worrying because the next tremor may not be as frail as 4.5 on the Richter Scale. The latest earthquake's epicentre was far from the major Jordanian cities but luck may not repeat itself. The fact is that the Jordan Valley is a fertile territory for tremors of different magnitudes. Amman and other Jordanian cities have a history of major and minor earthquakes. Some 30 tremors have jolted the country in August of 1993, registering between 3.8 and 5.7 on the Richter Scale. Yet the official and non-official reaction to this phenomenon that might lead to natural disasters is so mild as if there is nothing that we can do to contain any eventual damage that could occur should a stronger earthquake hit the country.

To begin with, the concerned authorities need to promulgate their damage control policies in the case of an earthquake. We seem to lack sophisticated guidelines for a futuristic construction code that would aim to minimise loss of life and material damage should a major earthquake strike. Clearly, we cannot undo what has already been built but we certainly can plan for all future constructions, be they houses, apartment buildings or factories. The experiences and know-how of other countries of the world with a history of earthquakes can certainly be used to plan in this regard.

Current legislation on buildings do not seem to cater for the probability of earthquakes striking at major centres of the. country. Are current construction designs and construction material, for example, safe enough for such eventualities? Should an earthquake strike, do we have appropriate machineries to save life and prevent wider devastation caused by fire, the failure of highway networks, and the collapse of municipal services? There are many other questions that could be asked but remain unanswered, and this is the time to start probing once again this problem in all its dimensions. What is needed in this regard are emergency plans drawn for the country as a whole and for each work place. Drills at schools, factories, office buildings and public centres would then follow so that our people would know exactly what to do to face such sudden dangers.

We think the way to go about dealing with earthquakes and other natural disasters is to establish a task force composed of imminent scientists from academia as well as highranking officials to examine the different aspects of this matter. The recommendations of such a group of experts should then be presented to Parliament as a high priority issue with a view to translating its recommendations into municipal and national laws. We certainly should not wait till disaster hits the country before we start addressing earth tremors in a serious and effective manner.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

EGYPT HAS achieved a remarkable success by organising the U.N. Conference on Population and Development in Cairo because it allowed the Third World nations the chance to air their views concerning population and ways to

columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily. The final document endorsed by the conference voiced the world community's respect for religious and moral beliefs for each country and left the door open for each country to adopt the most suitable methods in family planning, said the writer. Certain countries, which boycotted the conference, deprived themselves of the chance to air their views before the world because they had thought that certain concepts would be imposed on them through that conference, he said. The conference also proved untrue rumours that said that countries which oppose the conference, he said. The conference also proved untrue rumours that said that countries which oppose the conference resolutions would risk being denied any foreign aid, added the writer. Indeed the conference offered the chance to the Third Wald a precent their view and opened the conference of their view and opened the conference of their view and opened their view and ope

frithe to empress their op tions freely the traction issues as abortion. The writer said that it. Third North countries have been complaining of poverty and indebtedness and allowing their nationals to emigrate to the Western world, and, he said, it is time for these countries to adopt acceptable measures to ensure safe family planning among their population.

More democracy, more crime!

BRITAIN RECENTLY disclosed that its price tag on fighting crime exceeds its defence budget. While we do not know the cost of preventing and punishing crime in other Western societies, we can be sure that it is exorbitantly high also. There is a lesson to be drawn from the prohibitive figures for waging war on crime in the West and other countries that are fast emulating their experiences and methods. For one thing, there appears to be a clear correlation between the rise of "democracy" and the rise in

I do not suggest that the pursuit of democracy necessarily leads to the proliferation of crime. But the fact remains that emperical evidence points clearly and loudly to the relationship between greater dosages of civil liberties associated with modern day type of democracy and the hike in the rare of crime worldwide. The reverse is unfortunately true. The less democracy there is in many societies, the less the crime rate.

When Russia was still a part of undemocratic Soviet Union, its streets were literally free of crime. And when the U.S. and other Western countries further eroded public rights for law and order in favour of individual rights in criminal apprehension and prosecution and punishment, a dramatic jump in crime rate occurred. Even in Jordan one can detect a link between the rise in crime in the country and the relaxation of police power and the liberalisation of

civil protections accorded to individuals. The dynamics of modernisation and hightened poverty in the country have certainly taken their toll on law and order.

As a matter of fact, it is not a must to suffer a high crime rate simply because there is a viable democracy in any given country. Democracy and liberties need not and must not lead to unsafe streets or a drug problem.

Could the issue then be the existence of just too much

democracy? Is there such a thing as too much or too little democracy? I think the answer is yes and no. Democracy world wide comes in dosages and in varying degrees. There are many nations which profess to having democracy but

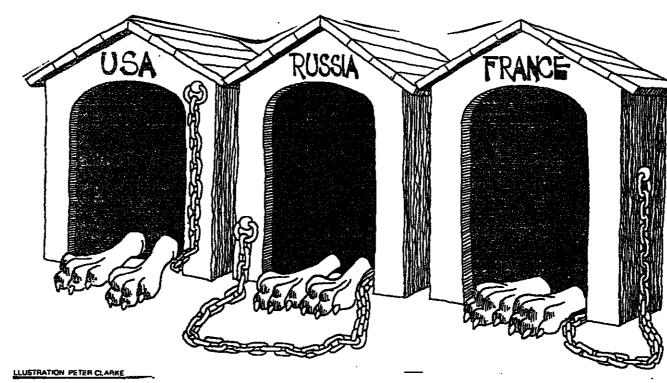
they enjoy freedom and liberties only in name.

Obviously, such category of states have little or no democracy. On the other side of the pendulum sits the category of countries which enjoy full democracy in word and deed. In between lies the group of countries which have attained a certain degree and level of democracy but have not completed the road to full democracy.

The real issue, therefore, is not democracy per se or the lack of it as far as crime is concerned. A certain state may enjoy full and unimpeded pluralistic democracy but retain a sensible balance between the rights of individuals in crime prevention policies and those which belong to the public. Democracy as such does not preclude the preservation of such a reasonable balance. There is nothing inherent in democracy and freedom that calls for swinging the pendulum on civil liberties too much off balance and in favour of criminals. Yet this is exactly what is happening to many Western-oriented nations, with the result that crime is taking its toll on human lives.

Where democracy per se may contribute to breakdown of law and order is when behavioural rules and guidelines crumble as a result of inflated or exaggerated private and individual rights. The breakdown of the family in contemporary societies, the root cause of crime, has often been attributed to relaxed rules on sex and sexual behaviours. loose parental-children relations and greater economic opportunities that are often associated with democracy. As AIDS, for example, is often associated with promiscrity, promiscuity can also be linked to the breakdown of traditions under the weight of greater individual freedoms and liberties.

The moral of these submissions is that we, the people, can have too much of anything and end up suffering from it. Where to draw the line between responsible democracy and a run-away one is of course easier said than done. Likewise, where to draw the line between basic and indispensable individual rights for the accused and those which tend to encourage the commission of crime is also the number one issue. This is where wise leadership and enlightened people can cooperate in defining where these illusive lines need to be drawn.



Peace in your own back yard

By Martin Woollacott

THE ARMADA now moving towards Haiti constitutes less a show of American force than a show of American weakness. It is not so much that this is a hammer raised to crush a gnat, as that President Clinton is paying the price in the Caribbean for his failure to commit American forces and resources in emergencies eisewhere in the world. The Haiti enterprise is also an indication of how far the distinction between international peacekeeping and purely national intervention has slipped in the last two

It is probably true that the men who run Haiti would not have hung on so long had President Clinton's history of empty words, particularly over Bosnia, and of retreat from situations in which American troops were at risk, as in Somalia, given them hope that, in the end, he would not order military action and that they would survive. They might, it is true, have reflected on a different kind of history and come to a different conclu-

It seems to be the fate of small and virtually defenceless Caribbean and Central American states, as with Grenada for Reagan and Panama for Bush, to be picked out for exemplary American military justice, often after a president has

turned tail in other regions and feels the need for a display of martial virtues. Mr. Clinton has seized on Haiti, a military operation with the lowest possible costs, to demonstrate the resolve he has not demonstrated in other, more difficult circumstances. He still has had to contend with a resurgence of isolationism in the United States that is so extreme that it shrinks from action even in America's traditional back yard. Senator Bob Dole is only the more respectable end of a spectrum that sees Haitians as poor, black, and diseased, and that wants to avoid any form of contact, from military action to im-

migration. It is hard to agree with Mr. Dole that the Haitian junta, murderous, usurping, and incompetent, should be left in place. What is wrong about the Haitian operation is not its aim, but that it is part of a patchy, regionalised system of peacekeeping that picks and chooses its interventions, won't tackle the really hard cases, and uses the United Nations as a rubberstamp legitimiser, rather than genuinely following its

procedures. This is a world in which the might of the American military descends on a Caribbean island, but scrambles out of Somalia after being foolishly misued. It is a world in which the Russians have been left

Haiti is a chosen soft target in a system of U.N. peacekeeping that dodges tackling the tough cases

free for good or ill to police their former empire, and the French are allowed to play the great power in Africa, with what may prove to be unhappy results for Rwanda.

During the time that Mr.

Clinton has been president, the opportunity to create a genuinely global system of peacekeeping and peacemaking has been lost, largely because the U.S. decided that it could not sustain any commitments that were not clearly in American interests, and were not wholly under its control. The one impulse led to a legitima-tion of spheres of influence and the other to the effective downgrading of the United Nations, which finds itself authorising rather than commanding opera-tions. The result has been to blur the difference between true peacekeeping or peace-making and great power intervention in a way that was never the case during the cold war years. In those days, Russian interventions never had U.N. blessing, and European interventions, as with Suez

received no automatic U.N. imprimatur._ Mr. Clinton's address to. the U.N. General Assembly in May last year defined the tight limits of American involvement in U.N. operations. Since the U.S. would

avoid a role, except in very restricted circumstances, the corollary was a theory of peacekeeping by regional powers. The editor of foreign policy, Charles Maynes, drew out the logic of the administration's position in an article published at the turn of the year: "A policy of regional self-reliance would recognise that certain powerful states in each area will inevitably play a special security role." The international community would be forced, for lack of other options, to search for and legitimate some individual state — Russia, the U.S., India, China, the European Union — to

serve as its "enforcer." The problems with what Mr. Maynes calls "benign realpolitik" are many. One is that it can easily tip over into a new imperialism. The assumption by Russia of an exclusive peacekeeping mandate in the Caucasus and Central Asia is now so settled that it would be

almost impossible to reverse it. The Russian Foreign

Minister Andrei Kozyrev bluntly says: "This is a zone of Russian interests and this is understood by all." Yet the Russians have not even been able to observe their own rules for ensuring a degree of impartiality, let alone to incorporate those of the U.N. And while this may be just acceptable while the present government is in power in Moscow, we might find it much less so if the regime was to

Another obvious flaw is that the anxiety of the U.S. to pass on responsibility is such that it has done so even when the regional 'nower" is incapable of taking it on. That is at least arguably true in former Yugoslavia, where the European powers do not have the military capacity credibly to threaten fullscale military action. The only country which possesses that is the U.S. But, while it withholds it, Washington still insists on its right to change the whole nature of the conflict by lifting its arms embargo.

change.

There is also the problem that, while what are essentially national interventions wearing a U.N. hat get under way, the funds and logistics for genuine multinational operations are even slower to appear than they were before. Thus the French can intervene in

Rwanda while the provision of transport and other equipment for an African U.N. force — from countries which naturally need technical help with long-range operations — are dismally slow in appearing.

There is a stratospherically high-minded approach to peacekeeping which ignores the reality of national interests and military capacity. It demands that countries be ready to lose soldiers and money in situations in which they have little or no interest, or over which their commanders have no influence, or it imagines that demanding military operations can be organised by unsophisticated and illequipped states. Such an approach is doomed to failure. The realities of national interest and national capacity have to be recog-

But the Clinton approach leans too much the other way. It threatens to combine the semi-imperial temptations of back-vard policing with a nearly total reluctance to commit forces to other regions, where they may be sorely needed, both the terms of their capacity and to sustain the vital principle that there is some genuine universality and impartiality in the internationally sanctioned use of force.

The Guardian

South Lebanon endures fighting, awaits peace

By Samir F. Ghattas The Associated Press

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Arab-Israeli front line still face death and destruction while peace progresses else-

Behind a facade of bustling towns and tranquil fruit orchards, Muslim guerrillas in south Lebanon confront Israeli soldiers and their Lebanese allies every day. Sometimes civilians are caught in the cross fire. The guerrillas, mostly

from the Hezbollah movenent supported by Iran, are The Israelis spend most of their time in fortified positions.

"We have adapted to the war. You can say we have become immune," said Ayad Farhat, a dentist. He lives so close to the Israeli lines that the soldiers could follow his movements inilds the house with binoculars, or sniper rifles, if they

A year ago, Mr. Farhat and half a million others fled north during an Israeli blitz in which 147 people were killed and 500 wounded. The Israelis were responding to guerrilla attacks that left several of their soldiers dead or wounded in the border

'security zone. This year, Mr. Farhat staved in Nabatiyeh despite fe a new bombard-

In August, seven civilians were killed in an Israeli air raid on Deir Zahrani village six kilometres northwest of 'Nabatiyeh. Israel said the attack was a mistake, but the guerrillas retaliated nonetheless, hitting northern Israel with rockets that wounded three children.

and in the Congo, often fell

foul of the United Nations.

And American interven-

tions - above all, in Viet-

"We always worry, concerned about the action and the reaction," said Hussein Najm, a 30-year-old money-changer, pointing to hilltop Israeli outposts that flank Nabativeh on the north, east and south.

Hizbollah attacks the Israelis and their Lebanese militia allies in the buffer zone Israel established just north of the border after its first invasion of Lebanon in 1978. Israel retaliates with artillery fire and air strikes on Nabatiyeh and other towns it suspects of har-

bouring guerrillas, Like so many other people in the region, Mr. Farhat and Mr. Najm are sceptical that peace will reach them any time soon. South Lebanon has been

in the forefront of the Arab-Israeli conflict since the Jewish state was created in 1948. The 700,000 residents, predominantly Shiite Muslims, have paid dearly, especially in the last nine years of guerrilla warfare.

"Our hopes are hanging on the peace efforts," said Mr. Farhat, 34, a softspoken man with two chil-dren. "We say tomorrow it might come, or the day after, but we are growing sceptical of the whole pro-

They have plenty of grounds for doubt.

Syria uses the Lebanese guerrillas as a pressure point in negotiations with directly through U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Whenever Middle East peace efforts gain momentum, tension and fighting in south Lebanon increased.

Anxiety in the south deepened when Israel blamed Hizbollah for four bombings in July of Israeli and Jewish targets in Latin America and Britain. The bombs killed 116 people and wounded more than 100.

Then came two guerrilla ambushes of Israeli patrols in the "Security zone" and rocket attacks on northern israel.

Fearing a huge Israeli retaliation, some families in villages facing the border zone moved north temporready for a fast exit. A Lebanese-American visiting relatives in Nabatiyeh said he'd had enough and left after only two weeks.

"I fee! sorry for the people here," he said. They never know whether they'll live or whether they'll still have a house the next day. The visitor, a clothing wholesaler from the New York City borough of Brooklyn, requested

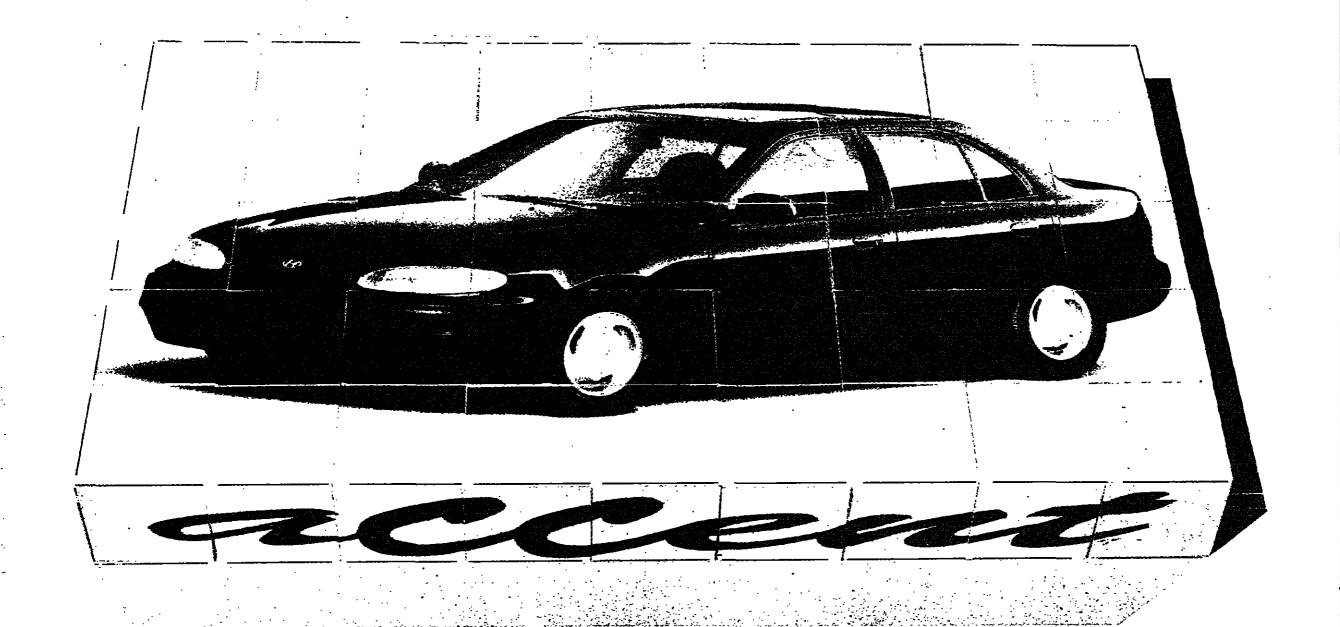
anonymity because of the state department ban on travelling to Lebanon with a U.S. passport. Despite his current feel-

ings, he is optimistic about the future. "There's going to be peace," he said. "I bought

land to build on when peace

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Syria to remove export taxes, unify exchange rates

will remove taxes on exports as part of a package of economic reforms, Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammad Imadi said.

He said the government was also working to amend the currency laws which impose harsh penalties of up to 15 years in jail with hard labour for currency traders. The government daily Tishreen quoted Dr. Imadi Sunday as saying during a meeting with heads of foreign trade companies that a new law on shareholding would be issued soon and that the trade law would be amended.

The paper said the meeting was devoted to discussing how to implement directives contained in President Hafez Al Assad's major policy speech to parliament on Sept.

Dr. Imadi said the government would give priority to foreign trade during the next period and would seek to extend the maximum support to that sector.

MOSCOW (R) — Hundreds

of angry Georgians blocked

roads in the capital Tbilisi

Saturday to protest against

huge price rises for bread,

announced by the govern-

ment in line with Internation-

al Monetary Fund (IMF) de-

Shevardnadze apologised to

the nation on state television

as crowds packed into Tbilisi

bakeries to stock up on bread

Mothers holding babies,

grannies, small children and

men blockaded roads at the

city centre, calling on the

government to cancel the

price hikes, Reuters televi-

The government announced Friday that the

price of bread would rise

more than 280 times, natural

gas more than five-fold and

electricity about 11 times.

Users of Tbilisi's metro net-

work would also have to pay

The price rises are part of

an austerity package agreed

with the IMF to fight soaring

inflation which has sent the

value of Georgia's interim

coupon currency nosediving

to 2.5 million units against

the dollar from one million

Mr. Shevardnadze said

Georgia had to swallow the

IMF's bitter medicine if it

wanted much-needed funding

from the West to stabilise its

collapsing economy.
"I would like to apologise to everyone," the silver-

haired former Soviet foreign

early in August.

50 times more for a ticket.

still sold at old prices.

sion showed.

Georgian leader Eduard

mands for austerity.

'We are seeking to cancel all taxes on exports which currently amount to 35 per cent" Dr. Imadi said. "It is illogical that Europe exempts its imports from us from taxes while we impose

taxes that our exporters have to pay," he said.
"Boosting exports is a big cessity for us. Without it we can't import materials needed for our production,

he added.

He said among measures aimed at boosting exports the government was setting a new centre to be responsible for monitoring exports to ensure they meet specifications in effect in the import-

ing countries.

He said the government would also revise the trade protection laws and taxes imposed on imports to make them more flexible and to discourage imports.

"It is illogical that we impose a tax of one per cent on machinery like molds and then we impose a tax of 20 per cent on imports of the raw material necessary to make these molds," he said.

Dr. Imadi said the three existing exchange rates for the pound where causing big

"The permanent source

which will help our country

be the IMF and the donors

associated with the IMF.

However, the IMF will never

give you even a dollar if you

are not following the pre-scription it has offered you."

Under the new prices,

which went into effect this

weekend, every householder

will have to pay 200,000

coupons per month for sup-

plies of natural gas - 5.5

times more than at present.

up 10.9 times to 60,000

coupons per kilowatt-hour.

Bread, already rationed, will

soar by an astronomical 2185

times to 200,000 coupons per

kilogramme. A ride on the

metro will cost 50,000

coupons as opposed to 1,000.

find the words to describe

this," said 35-year-old Zaire

Peradze, an engineer with

three children. Her monthly

salary of 300,000 coupons has

not been paid for three

Inside a small shop, a 35-

year-old manager, Dato Gab-

rinchidze, said he first heard

about the price rises on Geor-

gian television late Friday.

difficult, people have been

arguing and it takes so long to

count all the notes," he said.

these measures - people must be stimulated to work,"

said Emir Djugeli, head of

Georgia's privatisation prog-

"It was impossible to avoid

The day has been very

"We're shocked, I can't

Electricity supplies will go

Angry Georgians protest

against bread price hikes

especially in preparation of statistics and the budget.

Syria has an official rate of 11.2 pounds to the dollar used in government transactions. A rate of 23 pounds to the dollar is used for customs duties while a rate of 42 pounds to the dollar is used in all other dealings.

The pound's rate in the black market has been stable at between 47 and 50 pounds to the dollar for several

Economists say the stability in the pound's value might encourage the government to free it and allow the price to be fixed on a daily basis according to market condi-

Dr. Imadi expressed support for Syria's participation in the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade (GATT). "We called for joining GATT because we believe that joining now is much better than joining tomorrow," he said. "Delay is not in our interest and we will have to pay the price in the future (if we don't join)."

JAKARTA (R) — Cretinism and other debilitating ail-

ments caused by a lack of

iodine, especially in salt,

loom large in Indonesia and

experts say some economic

goals could be hurt if action is

No accurate figures are

available for mentally crip-

pling cretinism in the world's

fourth most populous nation,

but foreign experts put the figure at up to 900,000 or 15 per cent of the world's total

"If not solved, in addition

to serious and widespread

health problems, iodine de-ficiency disorders (IDD) will

frustrate a government drive

to achieve extended school

education and will limit pro-

ductivity," one foreign expert

s...it appears likely that eli-

minating...(IDD) will bring

about overall productivity

gains of at least 15 per cent

that would contribute about

\$100 to the overall gross

Ways of fighting IDD in

largely volcanic Indonesia,

where lava washed down

from mountains has no

iodides, were discussed in

Jakarta last week by minis-

ters and Anna Semamba

Makinda, board president of the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF).

"Very difficult consequ-

Tanzania's community

ences are happening or are

going to happen in the absence of iodine," Ms. Makin-

national product per capita."

the expert added.

"In hard economic term-

said at the weekend.

not taken.

Cretinism 'threatening'

Indonesian economy

Jordan government's income tax reform could boost capital spending

By Suleiman Al Khalidi Reuter

AMMAN - Government plans for income tax reform have alarmed investors on Amman's small stock exargue that they could make the share market a more productive force in Jordan's de-

The proposals would tax the capital gains companies make on land deals, shares, bonds and treasury bills for the first time.

But companies would be taxed more lightly on their overall profits, according to a text of the unpublished draft, obtained by Reuters.

The dividends and capital gains of individual investors would remain tax free.

Economists say the combination is intended to encourage savers to invest in company stocks and other securities but discourage companies from playing the market.

If the plan works, banks and other companies would

development minister, told

inability to produce enough

thyroid hormone and can

lead to cretinism, or irreversi-

ble mental retardation.

goitre, manifested by a gross-

ly swollen neck, neuro-

muscular defects and deaf

Sources close to last week's

talks said the government aimed to iodise all salt by the

end of 1995. up to 60 per cent

with the World Bank and

international commodities

group Cargill ways of work-

ing with the salt market in

The basic cost of iodising

one tonne of salt is \$1.25.

This compares with \$20 mil-

lion a year needed to supply

iodised oil capsules only to

high-risk areas in Indonésia.

problems with output control

and the marketing of an esti-

mated total of 10 million ton-

nes of salt produced each

They said Indonesia's 1979

salt iodisation policy had

been frustrated by fraudulent

claims of iodisation, produc-

ers resisting controls and pre-

ference for home-made salt.

solved, experts said, a goal

for children to have nine

years of basic education in-

stead of six would be jeopar-

dised by the growing inci-

dents of mentally retarded

If the iodine issue is not

year from 216 factories.

But experts said there were

UNICEF is also discussing

Lack of iodine causes an

Reuters Friday.

is iodised now.

be more likely to channel their funds into capital projects, they said.

Incomplete accounts of the proposed tax changes have been depressing the Amman The last trading day, Satur-

day, saw the index close 142.13 at its lowest point this year, a 21 per cent drop from a peak of 181 points in July 1993. Monthly volume has shrunk to 42 million dinars (\$60.34 million) in August from a peak of 171 million dinars (\$245.6 million) in The head of the Lower

House of Parliament's Financial Committee, Ali Abul Ragheb, has come out ainst the changes. But Finance Minister Sami

Gammoh, responding to widespread criticism, told ket's fall and the fears of investors are totally unjusti-

"The government's tax plans are aimed at reducing the overall tax burden, including corporate, by getting rid of loopholes and ambiguities." Mr. Gammoh said.

He said the tax law changes, drafted by a state reform committee, were still at an early stage in discussion and formed part of a "comprehensive reform to remove all legal, administrative, and bureaucratic obstacles to boosting the investment cli-

The proposed legislation aims to streamline cumbersome taxation laws and reduce the overall corporate tax burden while easing personal taxation on lower in-

"How can a government which is making all these steps to improve the invest-ment climate be bent on choking investment," Mr. Gammoh added, saying critics had not studied the plan carefully. Tax evasion is common in

Jordan, a country facing \$6.9 billion in foreign debt, rising unemployment and a widening gap between rich and The proposed tax calls for

a reduction of the maximum tax rate from 50 per cent to 40 per cent on gross profits of banks. It also reduces it to 35 per cent from 45 per cent for public shareholding com-

Critics say that while it may reduce flat taxes on gross profits, the removal of other

the total corporate tar

The drafters argued there was "no justi exempting these profits. the treasury losing tar on these profits with economic return."

A provision to tight the taxation of bank in is causing concern a bankers, who warn it lead to a capital flight frighten away the esti \$6 billion to \$10 bill private funds which nians hold abroad.

"I fear it will increase al flight if they start to company profits earned interest on deposits," Adnan Al Salakh, gen manager of ANZ Grind wholly owned Jordanian

Arafat struggles to keep sole control on aid By John West launched the Palestinian aid soon to join Palestinian

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM - PLO leader Yasser Arafat is in a tussle with donors and Palestinian technocrats to keep sole control of the multi-billion dollar Palestinian development process. Palestinian officials have

At the heart of the struggle is the role of the Palestinian development agency PEC-DAR, which began a meeting in Cairo on Saturday without its managing director Ahmed Ооцгіеа.

Mr. Qouriea stayed away amid reports of differences with Mr. Arafat. Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department, chaired the meeting instead. "The (Palestinian) Nation-

al Authority, PECDAR and the donors are locked in a triangle. The authority would like to deal directly with donors but donors want to go largely through PECDAR," said a senior Palestinian development official.
"The proeblem is Abu

Ammar (Arafat) has never regarded us as a Palestinian institution. He sees us imposed on him from outside,"

When international donors

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bandwagon last year to back the PLO's peace deal with Israel, they virtually demanded Mr. Arafat set up an institution staffed with technocrats, not political appointees, to oversee the process and ensure accountability of

After a struggle, Mr. Ara-fat agreed and PECDAR, the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction, was born.

The theory was that it would be the central agency for development in an interim period of up to three years until the Palestinian administration clearly established itself.

But Mr. Arafat kept tight control over PECDAR and it was slow to get started. Officials were not formally appointed until May and the PLO did not approve bylaws allowing the body to operate until June.

Now, four months into self-rule, officials say Mr. Arafat and the PLO leadership are arguing that Palestinian ministries are up and running, making PEC-DAR largely unnecessary.

At least two senior PÉC-DAR officials, Samir Huleileh and Amin Haddad, are due to leave the body

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By Glasbergen

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tradictions. I believe later ministries. Others are quitting for the private sector. PECDAR is the only well-organised Palestinian institution. It should be the central body otherwise there

will be real problems -Palestinian will be fighting Palestinian," Mr. Qouriea said in an interview last He denied rumours he had resigned. Officials close to

him say he has tendered his resignation as economic chief of the Palestinian self-rule authority but Mr. Arafat has not accepted it.

There should be no con-

will sort this out in a clear way," said Oouriea, commenting di matically on reports of a nian self-rule authority.

brought the PLO to Gaza Jericho, would be a blo

and accountability of money as a war of ner

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The Pisces Full Moon trines and Ph brings a lot of energy and emotional force into play. There are more oportunities for material enterprises and for home improvement Keep on the alert.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Extra care must be exercised communicating with others and in travel today and tonight. Ma arrangements in the morning.

mind to make yourself very successful.

morning so you can handle business affairs well and become MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't worry abo

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) One who likes to tease could make u angry, if you permit. Later, be with one you love for a romantical

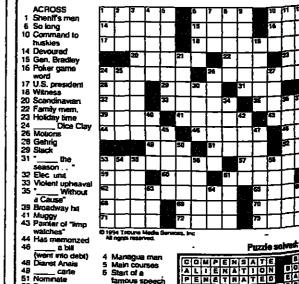
your reputation in the morning. Later, join a group affair which is your liking with good friends and associates.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Changing your perspect the morning could be wise. Later, do nothing which can down you in the eyes of bigwigs.

annoying bill in the morning. Then you can get into whater constructive and profitable. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Steer clear of the

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 1994

By Thornas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Come to a better understand early on a monetary matter. Later, make call and visits you have GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Don not lose your temper in f

something that cannot be helped and get busy improving to appearance. Entertain this evening with friends.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Make sure you pay \$

annoying individual in the morning and then you can carry the with a wise plan which will make you successful. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Work may see tedious in the morning, but complete it and then you can get in more interesting activities which you enjoy.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Pian early for wh pleasure you can easily afford. Then get right down to busine necessary tasks which must be completed.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Don't enter into any arguments a loved one at home. Everything will work out well for whether at work or play.

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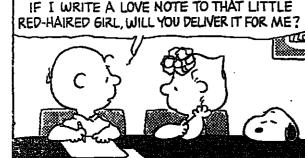
STANLEY'S KEEPOUT!

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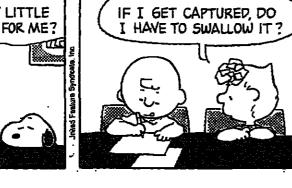
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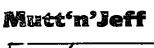


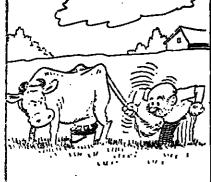




Andy Capp



















Jordan Times Cairo Amman Bank



reign Exchange Market Summary eptember 12 - September 16, 1994)

MAN — The dollar depreciated against the yen and sterling at end of last week; as it ended 0.23 per cent lower against the yen 1.71 per cent lower against sterling. The dollar, however, rose 1.46 per cent against the German currency. he U.S. unit rose against the mark and yen Monday, while

be U.S. unit rose against the mark and yen Monday, while sating sharply against sterling. It rose ahead of the release of the consumer price index next day. Analysts expected the Fed to ten monetary policy on its next scheduled Federal Open Market matter meeting on Tuesday 27-9-1994, if prices at the consumer I showed a big rise. On the other hand, sterling rose against r major currencies after the Bank of England increased its base by 0.50 per cent, to 5.75 per cent.

he dollar declined against the yen Tuesday, while appreciating ass sterling and remaining unchanged against the mark. Reports cated that the U.S. unit rose against other major currencies aggregate that the U.S. after the release of the U.S. consumer price a showing a below expectations rise of 0.3 per cent at both the rail and core levels. However, the dollar declined later on the universal and core levels. However, the dollar declined later on the universal and core levels. However, the dollar declined later on the universal and core levels. However, the dollar declined later on the universal and the univ and in view of concern over the release of the U.S. retail sales the Fed's Beige Book the following day.

he dollar depreciated slightly against European currencies inesday, while rising against the yen. It rose against the yen in of continued market intervention by the Bank of Japan to stem rise of its currency against the dollar, which happened during yo trading hours the previous day. The U.S. unit also gained and against the yen in view of rumours that the Fed intervened in market to support its currency against yen on behalf of the Bank lapan. Rumours that some European banks bought dollars ast the mark also lifted the U.S. unit against the mark during ing hours. However, a statement by the Bundesbank deputy ident, in which he ruled out new interest rates cuts in Germany, ressed the dollar against the mark.

he U.S. unit rose against other major currencies Thursday. It reciated against the yen after the U.S. commerce secretary said he is hopeful of an agreement in all areas of the U.S.-Japan e talks before the end of this month. The dollar also rose against mark in view of expectations of another Bundesbank monetary ; after the German presidential elections in the middle of next 1th, which happened after the president of the Swiss National ected such a step from the German central bank.

wing a rise of 0.7 per cent in August. he U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.5445 marks, 98.95 yen at \$1.5790 to the pound sterling.

he dollar retreated against other major currencies Friday, scially against sterling. It declined along with U.S. stock and d prices after the release of the U.S. industrial production report

Currency	9/9/1994	16/9/1994	Percent
	Close	Close	Change
Sterling Pound	1,5525	1,5790	1,719
Deutsche Mark	1,5374	1,5445	0,46%
Swiss Franc	1,2807	1.2820	0,103
French Franc	5.2055	5.2810	0.295
Japanese Yen	99.18	98,95	0,25%

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U.S. Dollar	4.02	5.56	4.62	5.68
Sterling Pound	4,87	6.37	5,25	6,87
Deutsche Mark	4,75	5,25	4,75	5,31
Swiss Franc	3,87	4,56	3,75	4,43
French Franc	5,37	6.25	5,31	6,31
Japanese Yen	2,31	2,50	2,37	2,56

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Sterling Pound	1,0942	1,1047
Deutsche Mark	Q.4499	0,4521
Swiss Franc	0,5424	0,5451
French Franc	0,1316	0,1323
Japanese Yen ²	0,7028	0,7063
Dutch Guilder	0,4019	0,4039
Swedish Krona		
Italian Lira [†]	0.0445	0,0447
Belgian Franc		
Per 100	·	

China targets \$10b chemical exports by 2000

BEIJING (AFP) — China plans to export \$10 billion worth of chemical products and to use \$10 billion in foreign investment in the sec-tor by 2000, the China Daily has reported.

The newspaper quoted Chemical Industry Minister Gu Xiulian as saying that a portion of the local market would be designated to foreign-funded enterprises in order to attract foreign investment, expected to total \$3.6 billion this year and

Between 1991 and 1993, foreign companies invested some \$4 billion in China's chemical industry.

"We shall further lift restrictions imposed on foreignfunded enterprises entering the Chinese market, especially for those high and new technology products," Ms. Gu said.

Ms. Gu was quoted by the official Xinhua news agency as saying that the ministry had signed all-round cooperation agreements with four foreign countries and 13 international chemical com-

Among the chemical projects given priority by Beijing are pesticide projects, which focus on researching and developing new products, ethylene and aromatics plants in the petrochemical sector, in membrane caustic soda plants and radial tyre pro-

World Bank sees crisis in urban growth, decay

WASHINGTON (R) --- With the number of people living in cities poised to match rural populations for the first time, the World Bank said Sunday nations must focus efforts on fighting urban pollution and poverty.

"We advocate a peoplecentred environmentalism, which must focus on cities, because that is where the majority of humanity is going to be living," World Bank President Lewis Preston said on the eve of a conference on the increasingly filthy air and water in the world's burgeoning cities.

"Protecting the rain forest and protecting biodiversity is important because it will preserve natural resources for the next generation, but cleaning up cities will help hundreds of millions of people right now," Mr. Preston said in a statement.

Michael Cohen, a bank senior adviser, in an interview said for years the environmental community has focused on "green issues" of natural resources and global climate change.

But he said it is increasingly clear that tackling green issues and ignoring urban degradation is not effective.

"There is an inter-dependency," Mr. Cohen said. "You save cities in part to save forests because if you aren't more energy-efficient, for example, people cut down The bank, which is spon-soring the conference here this week on sustainable urban development, said within 10 years half of the world's population will live in cities and towns for the first

time in history. The urban population in developing countries is growing at a 3.8 per cent annual rate and will increase from 1.4 billion people in 1990 to 3.6 billion in 2020.

Mr. Cohen compared that to the population of Goma, Zaire, which exploded with a million refugees and where thousands died from lack of clean water and sanitation.

"When you look at the pace of urban growth in developing countries, that population is increasing by at least a Goma a week," he

While the numbers are spread out around the developing world, Mr. Cohen said, "we think there is an invisible urban population and it coming at an incredible rate and the conditions are not that different from

The explosive urban growth, including "mega cities" of more than 10 million, has produced horrendous problems of pollution and poverty.

Twenty-five per cent of the world's urban population lives in absolute poverty and many millions more live in

substandard conditions, the bank said.

More than one billion city dwellers, or 65 per cent of the total urban population in developing countries, breathe unhealthy air. At least 170 million people in these areas lack a ready source of drinkable water and 350 million lack adequate sanitation, a major cause of sickness in many cities.

In developing countries. only 40 per cent of urban dwellings are hooked to sewers, and even where there are sewers, more than 90 per cent of the wastewater is discharged untreated into rivers. lakes and oceans.

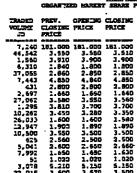
The conference this week will bring together environmental and urban ministers. mayors and leaders of nongovernmental organisations and businesses.

They will focus on pollu-tion, inadequate housing and sanitation, the poor infrastructures and the desperate financial situations of many cities, and on social problems including crime and unemployment.

"The bank has been lending money for urban improvements since 1972 - for housing and infrastructure," Mr. Cohen said. "Now what we're saying is it isn't good enough to provide for infrastructure without paying attention to the environmental impacts.'

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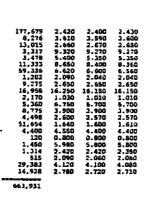
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General Motors will have a 49 per cent stake and the rest will be held by six Saudi companies, the statement

The statement did not say what the venture's capital would be but G.M. officials contacted by Reuters confirmed reports in Saudi newspapers that it would be around 225 million Saudi rivals (\$60 million).

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Japan boosts

investments in Arab **Gulf states**

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Japan, the Middle East's top commercial partner, has boosted its invetment in the region by around \$709 million, mostly in Iran and other Gulf states, an official report said Sunday.

Direct Japanese investment stood at \$4.231 billion at the end of March 1993 compared with \$3.522 billion at the end of March 1992, said the report by the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO).

Iran was the biggest beneficiary receiving \$378 million to boost total Japanese investment there to \$1.385 billion.

The report, published in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily Al Khaleej, showed investment in Saudi Arabia jumped by 27 per cent to \$470 million and in Bahrain by 50 per cent to \$202 million.

Japan's investment in the UAE increased by 10 per cent to \$535 million and in other Gulf countries by 31 per cent to \$75 million.

More than one third of Japan's investments in the region are concentrated in the Neutral Zone, an oil-rich area shared by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Investments

there stood at \$1.565 billion, an increase of 6.6 per cent.

A JETRO official in the UAE said the bulk of the Japanese assets in the Middle East were based in the energy sector, as Japan receives from the region around 60 per cent of its oil imports of more than four million barrels per day (b/d).

Such investments are concentrated in the Arabian-Japan Oil Company in the Neutral Zone and the Abu Dhabi-Japan Oil Company (ADOC), a joint venture with the UAE producing around 20,000 b/d.

Japan has sought to boost its share in the Gulf energy sector to ensure long-term crude supplies at reasonable

But Gulf states except the UAE have been reluctant to readmit foreign partners after kicking them out more than two decades ago in a nationalisation drive in their energy

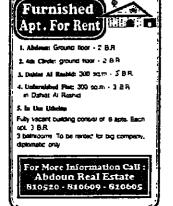
industry.
Gulf officials, however. want Japan to increase investment in the industrial sector by setting up joint ven-tures to help the region obtain technology and lessen reliance on unstable oil earn-

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They say Japan's investments were not compatible with their strong political links and trade of nearly \$35 billion a year.

Japan's investments in the Gulf are also a fraction of its worldwide assets of \$386.5

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Jansher beats injury to win World Open

Jansher Khan won a recordequalling sixth World Open title on Sunday — and then pull out of the tournament revealed he had wanted to the day before it started. Jansher routed Britan's first ever finalist in the men's

Jansher routed Britain's championship, England's Peter Marshall, to equal the record set by the Pakistani's legendary compatriot Jahan-

But he then disclosed a week-long secret that he had been carrying an ankle in-

"Two hours before my flight on Tuesday, I told my cousin (Mehboob Khan) that I wasn't going because I didn't feel fit. I didn't want to go and play and lose. But he told me that I

wouldn't make the record if I didn't come.' The damaged muscle tissue

in his right ankle had made itself felt slightly during the first round - and was a spectre hanging over the world number one and defending champion on Sun-

Even in the third game when I was leading 13-5. I was thinking 'I hope the pain doesn't come back.

It was that pain which had appeared during his match against Marshall a week before when the Pakistan star went down in straight games to the Englishman at the European Club Championships in Paris.

"I'm lucky to have made six titles and the credit goes to my cousin," he declared.
"I've been keeping the injury a secret all week because I didn't want it to get out and

By Samir Krilic

The Associated Press

· SARAJEVO, Bosnia-- Herzegovina — The triumph

, wasn't in winning, or even

playing well. It was in just

playing.
There were no medals or

trophies for 500 teenagers in

the Sarajevo suburb Dobr-

inga. But after being a front-

line neighbourhood, once a

scene of vicious Bosnian Serb

shelling, Saturday's finals in

tennis, table tennis, soccer,

handball, volleyball and bas-

tethall were ecough of a reward.

event in Dobrinja, a soccer

competition organised in

June 1993, abruptly ended

when two mortar shells killed

15 and wounded 80, mainly

children.

The last open-air sports

Jansher Khan

Since then no one has

dared outside to play any-

Despite Bosnian Serb posi-

tions less than 500 yards away

behind a 5-metre stack of

junked cars and buses, Satur-

day's events were held almost

miraculously without incident

or casualties. They were the

conclusion of a six-week

event for mostly 13-18 year

relief organisation Interna-

tional Rescue Committee and

Dobrinia's local authorities

Since the beginning of the war in April 1992, Dobrinja

has been one of the worst

places to live in Sarajevo. It

was completely surrounded

by Serb gunners for months,

the security.

the greatest concern was

For organisers — the U.S.

first game which the Pakistan give the other players confidence," he added, rolling down his sock to reveal the

However, Jansher also paid tribute to Marshall, whose attacking play took him by surprise at the start. "I wasn't happy with my first game," Jansher said.

claiming the heavy weight of expectations back in Pakistan had also got to him - "I lost the first because of the press-

But he went on: "He played a very good length, some fantastic drops. I couldn't believe it. I've played him lots of times before but he's never attacked me like that.' After conceding his first

Kids 'battle' it off in Sarajevo neighbourhood

and most children spent.

almost a full year in shelters.

school buildings in Dobrinja

completely destroyed by

shelling, any event had to be

something in Dobrinja," said

Stefanie Frease, a member of

the International Rescue

Committee and one of the

chief organisers. "When the fighting stopped, kids were

aggressive, and this was a

perfect solution for the prob-

of hell, for the first time kids

were given the oportunity to

play in a well organised

event," Ismet Kapetanovic, a

local organiser said. "It made

me very happy to see these

kids enjoy themselves."

"After almost three years

There was a need to do

organised outside.

However, with all three

win 10 World Opens," he That achievement would top the 10 British Open victories recorded by Jahangir, although having reached seven of the last eight World Open finals, Jansher has already established himself as one of the sport's greatest

game of the tournament, Jan-

sher rediscovered his touch

and the confidence soon re-

turned for him to take charge

And now his sights are set

"If I don't get injured over the next four or five years, I

am fully confident that I can

of the match.

even higher.

ever players. Marshall, who plays with a unique double-handed grip, admitted he was beaten by a

better player.
"I think I surprised him in the first, but after that he was moving better and getting my drops. He was just too hard to break down. 'I think I may have done a

few things differently tactically but it's hard to do that when you're under press-Jansher's early attack of

nerves saw him concede four strokes in a first game during which he fought back from 7-10 down to 10-11, only to jar his racquet against the side wall like a novice to set Marshall on his way for 10-

Jansher put the next two balls down as he went for a couple of straightforward drop shots and then completely mis-hit his return to concede the game.

Significantly, it was the

Ms. Frease flew in the balls

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The biggest crowd was for

Dole helped by donating ten-

the soccer final. Soldiers with

machine guns, amputees on

crutches and others in the

crowd cheered the biggest

star on the field, 7-year-old

He was the shortest and

youngest player there, but

that didn't prevent him from

scoring a goal. His grand-

father Camil Czeko, 74,

walked 6 kilometres just to

wins," the elder Dzeko said

"It doesn't matter who

nis shoes for the players.

forces in Bosnia.

Teo Dzeko.

see Teo play.

star had dropped all week, but still he refused to buckle. He tightened up consider-

ably in the second game, rediscovering his winning touch during the important rallies and giving little or nothing away to the battling Englishman.

Marshall's luck ran out at 8-10, at which point Jansher accelerated away to 14-9 and a magnificent rally which wrapped up the game for world champion at the third attempt.

By the third game, it was clear that Jansher had simply found a higher gear. He bauled the Englishman around the court like a Spanish matador, finishing a string of points with a spinning, unreturnable drop shot which brought roars of approval from the Barcelona crowd. Marshall predictably began

to tire in the onslaught as Jansher raced into a 7-0 lead and the English number one struggled to pick up drop shots from the front wall. He rallied to 5-12 and then 6-13. but a stroke gave Jansher the first of his game balls and the Paskistani finished with a nick shot on the back wall.

Marshall was again on the receiving end in the final game, trailing 1-5 before again rallying to 4-6 — only for the now familiar pattern to be repeated as Jansher's exquisite stroke-play at the front wall brought him the next eight points and his first match ball.

Jansher took the title, raising his arms aloft in victory, when Marshall's boast shot off the left side wall flew into the tin.

laughing. "Today all these

all the other players, enjoyed

hope there will be another

Organisers said they would

"I feel really happy and

Mr. Kapetanovic nodded

in agreement. "I cannot ex-

plain how happy I am to see

these kids laughing like this."

He said. "The fact that every-

thing went well gives us

strength to continue the

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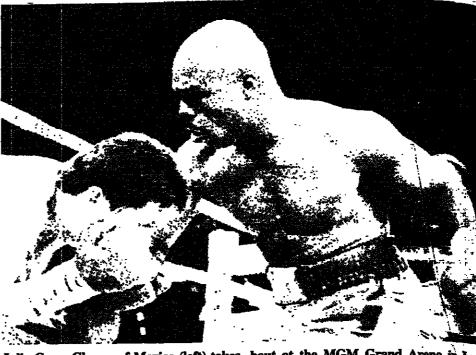
"This is super," he said. "I

kids are winners."

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Frease said.



Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico (left) takes bout at the MGM Grand Arena in La a shot to the head from Meldrick Taylor Vegas Saturday night. Chavez won by a of the U.S. during the first round of their TKO in the eighth round (AFP photo) 12-round WBC super lightweight title

Chavez knocks down Taylor in feature title bout

LAS VEGAS (R) — Julio Cesar Chavez certainly is not the fighter he once was, but he had enough left to turn back a vengeful Meldrick Taylor in the featured bout on a six-title boxing card on Saturday night.

The fight was a rematch of one between the two fighters 4½ years ago, when Chavez, behind on all judges scorecards, pulled the fight out in the last seconds after knocking Taylor down and the referee stopped the fight when a confused Taylor did not immediately say he could continue.

On Saturday, Chavez was manhandled a bit by Taylor in the early going, before the challenger lost strength and became a punching bag in the eighth round.

Chavez knocked down Taylor, 27, with a left hook and was landing heavy-fisted combinations prompting re-feree Mills Lane to stop the fight, allowing Chavez, now 91-1-1, to retain his World Boxing Council super light-weight championship.

was old and finished, they can say the old men are old but they keep going strong," said Chavez, 32. "Everybody thought I was through, but I showed them."

Taylor, who said in the last

4½ years he could think of not much more than fighting Chavez again, said he thought the referee had stopped the fight too soon, but he did not want to take anything away from Chavez.

I thought I was getting my second wind for the later rounds," said Taylor, now

"I felt strong, obviously until I got hurt. I thought I had him hurt a couple of times, but he's a great champion and I take my hat off to Frankie Randall. the only

fighter to officially beat Chavez, won the World Boxing Association's junior welterweight title on a unanimous decision over Juan Coggi of Argentina. Randall, who did not look

nearly as strong or sharp as he did when he beat Chavez last January, still managed to knock down the tough Goggi three times — in the first, fifth and sixth rounds.

Coggi, making his seventh defence of the title, dropped Randall in the second round. "He rocked me. I rocked

him. It was a real war," said Randall, who wants a rematch with Chavez, after the Mexican took back his title from Randall on a controversial stoppage after a head butt last May.

In probably the best de-

monstration of talent on Saturday, young Felix Thisdad of Puerto Rico unleasted an impressive onslaught of power-punching to stop Mexican Luis Ramon "Yor Boy" Campas in the fourth

round. Trinidad retained his Inter. national Boxing Federation (IBF), welterweight title.

Trinidad, 21, was knocked down briefly in the second round, but in the third and fourth rounds he found the range with a bombardment of 10 consecutive punches on the stationary 23-year-old Mexican, until referet stop the fight at two minutes, 41 seconds of the round

The WBC super feath-rweight title changed hands when underdog Gabriel Ruelas took a unanimons de 127 cision over fellow-American Jesse" James Leija.

Ruelas, 24, was born in Mexico but moved to the ges 4200. United States at the age of seven, but maintains his Merican citizenship.

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Ruelas dropped Lzija, defending his title for the first in time since winning if from the first in the firs Azumah Nelson of Ghan last May, in the second round with a right to the chin and is the 12th with another right Leija knocked Ruela

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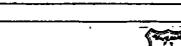
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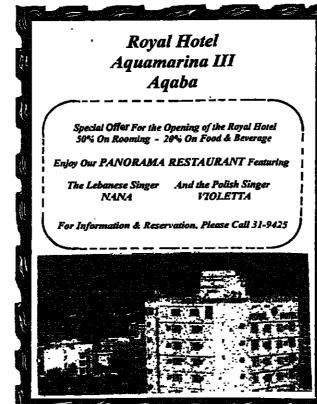
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Everton look set for another survival battle

LONDON (R) — In the 1960s the brand of exciting, ttacking soccer served up by Everton earned the club the ickname "the school of sci-

But now, six games into the new season with the team without a win and bottom of the premier league a more apt name might be "the school of survival."

Just four months after saving themselves from relegation, Everton find themselves back among the nearly men and a long winter looks to be shaping for the everoptimistic manager Mike Walker and new multimillionaire owner Peter

For the best part of the last two decades Everton were forced to live in the shadow of arch-rivals Liverpool as the red half of the city celebrated domestic and Euro-

pean successes. But now Everton face the much more worrying pros-pect of living in the shadow of the other 21 teams in the premier league.

Saturday's 2-2 draw with Queens Park Rangers means Everton have taken just two points out of a possible 18 in their worst start to a season since 1958 when they lost their opening six games

Then they recovered to avoid relegation, but this time the stakes are that much higher. Four teams will be relegated from the premier league at the end of this season as the elite division is reduced in size over the next two years.

Since the English league started 106 years ago, Everton have spent a record 102 years in the top division. They were last outside the top flight in 1954, but came perilously close to the drop in May.

And despite the upbeat mood of Walker, they could be set for another season of

On Saturday Walker watched in anguish as defensive blunders cost his side victory against GPR. It was his 24th match in charge since taking over from Howard Kendall in January. Of those matches, Everton have won

"Perhaps it's a lack of confidence, but their second goal in particular was horrendous from a defensive point of view. It is all down to individual errors," Walker

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But Everton have been making so many errors re-cently, both individually and collectively, that on the last day of last season they were just minutes away from relegation for the first time since footballers wore baggy shorts down to their knees and boots up to their ankles.

Trailing 0-2 at home to Wimbledon on May 7, they finally won 3-2 with nine minutes of the season remaining. It was one of the greatest houdini acts in modern soccer history.

In the close season Johnson took over and Walker moved into the transfer market to sign midfielder Vinny Samways from Tottenham for £2.2 million (\$3.44 million) and Nigerian world cup striker Daniel Amokachi from club Brugge for £3.0 million (\$4.70 million).

Everton also narrowly failed to secure the transfer of Brazilian striker Muller from Sao Paulo this week, so there is no doubting the club's ambition. But the questions remain.

Is Walker doing it right? Has he got time to succeed? In an interview in Saturday's Daily Mail Walker said, "it is easy to criticise and say we haven't changed the team

The thing had stagnated somewhere along the line, standards had dropped, expectations were going down and we had to change it, not just on the field. There is a

great determination Everton

von't lose their way again." Everton have always tried to play open, attacking soccer and Goodison Park became known as "the school of science" under manager Harry Catterick who captured the league titles in 1963 and 1970

and the FA Cup in 1966. Then for most of the 1970s and 80s Everton were overshadowed by Liverpool's successes until re-emerging under Kendall to win the championship again in 1985 and 1987. They also reached four FA Cup finals in the 1980s, winning the cup in

The school of science tag and Kendall's successes now seem a long time ago. Success for Everton now would be a victory in a league match and three points on the

And the longer that takes in coming, the longer the odds on Everton turning survival back into science - and

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Espanol's Argentinian defender Pochettino (right) shoots pass FC Barcelona's

Beguiristain during their Spanish soccer league match Saturday night (AFP photo)

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(AFP) — Spanish champions Barcelona struggled to a goalless draw against league leaders Espanol here Saturday night in a tense, scrappy. Catalan derby.

Barcelona were missing both their World Cup heroes up front — with Brazilian Romario picking up a thigh injury during the midweek European Champions League victory over Galata-saray, and volatile Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov serving out the last game of a three-

Their spark was certainly missed on a gloomy night for Johan Cruyff's team.

match ban.

Espanol had the ball in the back of the Barcelona net within 10 minutes of the start, Pacheta rising above a crowded goalmouth to head home Arteaga's free-kick from the left - only for the goal to be disallowed for

Romanian Florin Radu-

for Espanol just minutes later and eight minutes from halfas he bore down on Barcelotime the Espanol crowd were na goalkeeper Carlos Buson their feet again when quets, only to send a searing striker Jordi Lardin was drive just inches over the bar. floored by Barcelona defender Alberto Ferrer as he tried Nothing was going right for Barcelona in the hostile Sarto surge through a packed ria stadium. defence. But the referee would have none of their

Their defence was in penalty appeals. ruinous shape -- a catalogue of bungled clearances and fumbled back-passes went celona in the second-half, partly because Cruyff mercifully unpunished - and brought on his son Jordi for it took their midfield a full 20 Beguiristain after 15 minutes. minutes to even string a few meaningful passes together. Just as Raducioiu was the

chief architect of the Espanol attack, so his World Cup teammate Gheorghe Hagi fulfilled the same role for the Spanish champions. The Romanian forced a fine save from Toni with a free kick just outside the box after half an hour, and seconds later set up a move with a deft flick which saw Iglesias Ivan blaze narrowly wide.

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ITF changes tennis rules to curb big servers

HONG KONG (AFP) — Revolutionary changes announced here by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) will apply the brakes to the power game which has

been turning fans off.
With spectators deserting the game in droves, the ITI has decided the best solution is to alter the specification of the balls.

At their annual general meeting here Saturday, the federation ruled that tournaments played on fast surfaces, such as grass at Wimbledon, will now use softer and therefore slower balls which would extend rallies.

Conversely, tournaments held on slower surfaces, such as the clay at the French Open, will use harder, faster balls to add variety to the

Another significant development is the ITF's reduction of the time between changeovers at the end of games from 25 to 20 seconds.

This move could, however. bring the ITF into conflict with the men's Association of Tennis Professionals. The ATP has experimented with 20-second breaks, but last week announced that it wants to return to 25 seconds.

ITF President Brian Tobin said Saturday's innovations were essential to boost tennis' appeal and halt growing dissatisfaction among fans and television broadcasters.

the back of Barca's net again The changes would apply within 10 minutes of the subto all men's, women's and stitution. Again it was disjunior events, as well as the ITF's four Grand Glam Dutch defender Ronald tournaments and internation-Koeman, who had offset an al team competitions such as error-strewn performance the Davis Cup and the Fedwith two crucial interceperation Cup for women. tions, made a poor pass to

"We spent a lot of time Ferrer which was quickly indiscussing ways to make tennis as exciting a spectacle as Aside from a fine 20-yard possible," Tobin said. shot from Hagi, which Tony "One of the big complaints

we've also had from spectators and television is that there is too much time between points and not enough

"Changing from 25 seconds to 20 seconds means there will be more tennis and less passive waiting time." Tobin said he didn't expect

any major objections to the new rules from the men's ATP Tour or the Women's



The ball changes were seen as the only legitimate way to slow the game down, although the meeting did consider altering the dimensions of the tennis court and the height of the net.

"We discussed all the possibilities but there was a strong feeling we shouldn't tamper with the basics of the game," Tobin said.

The ITF also plans to take a closer look at racket technology to ensure power servers, such as world number one Pete Sampras and Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic, cannot dominate the game by bludgeoning opponents as they have done in recent

"We want to be able to govern future developments in racket technology a little more than we have been able to in the past," Tobin said. The ITF also announced it

would plough one million U.S. dollars back into the game through its 191 national members. The Federation has given

out \$2.5 million in development grants over the past three years.

ITF sponsorship is now fully booked through to 1998, with television contracts for the Davis Cup also filled until

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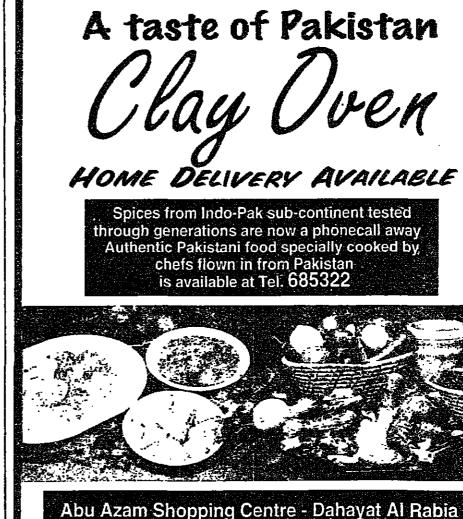
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CAIRO (Agencies) — Mus-lim militants in Egypt claimed responsibility on Saturday for killing four policemen and a U.N. worker in an attack near the tourist town of Luxor.

The Gamaa Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) said Saturday's attack was the work of "Talaat Yassin Brigades" named after a Gamaa leader

killed in April.
"The brigades of the martyr Talaat Yassin announce their responsibility for the operation...near the city of Luxer which targetted a UNiCEF bus and the police car accompanying it, the Gamaa said in a brief faxed

statement.
Police killed three suspected Muslim extremists during an arrest raid Sunday as battles between government security forces and the radicals intensified in south-

ern Egypt.
The deaths broght to 14 the number of police and extremists killed durign the past week in the south, a stronghold of militants seeking to impose Islamic law on Egypt.

in Sunday's incident. police reided a hideout of the militants in Qift, a town in OENA province about 500 kilometres south of Cairo, an interior ministry statement

The area is near where militants killed four police and a U.N. employee in Saturday's ambush. But the ministry statement said Sun-

militants were involved in a recent attack on guards at a Coptic church in the town.

Police received a tip about the militants' whereabouts and came under fire as they approached the hideout, the statement said. It said the militants were killed in return fire. A pistol and a submachine gun were found in the hideout.

In a separate incident Sunday, unidentified gunmen shot and wounded a government employee outside a police station in Al Badari, a village near Assiut, 320 kilometres south of Cairo. A soldier also was wounded. Security sources said the targeted government employee was believed to be a police informer.

The Gamaa has been attacking police in southern Egypt for more than two years as part of a campaign to overthrow the government and set up a strict Islamic

The level of violence had fallen sharply since Yassin's death in April, and Egyptian authorities said they had been able to break up most of the Gamaa cells in the coun-

But three weeks ago the group resurrected operations in the south, killing a Spanish tourist and a number of a policemen, and warned foreigners not to come to Egypt for their own safety.

IAF opposes Jordanian role in U.N. Haiti force

By Aymen Al Safedi Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMELAN - Islamic Action Front (IAF) deputies on Sunday arged the government to cance! its decision to participate in the U.S.-led international a roes that would undertake observers' missions and provide humanitarian assistance to the Haitian people if the Caribbean is-

In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, the IAF parliamentary bloc said the government should refrain from partaking of this "terrorist act" to protect the dignity of the Jordanian people who "refuse to be part of U.S. policy tools."

land is invaded.

Jordan announced on Friday that it would be involved. in a post-invasion chase in ace with off bers of the international community if there was a need for its participation.

But officials emphasised that the "small contingent" of the Jordanian police force which the Kingdom agreed to send to Haiti would not take part in what appears to be an mminent invasion of the Caribbean island.

The government said its decision to participate in the international forces was premoted by its concern with people's right to freedom and democracy.

Minister of Information Jawad Anani said Saturday that the number of the Jordanian police force that would leave for Haiti had not been determined yet and that no date for its departure had been agreed on.

Jordan agreed to join the international forces at the re-

quest of the United Nations and after contacts between His Majesty King Hussein and U.S. President Bill Clinton, officials have said.

The IAF deputies said: "Our people refuse to be one of the instruments of the arrogant American policy which, at this time of Arab, Muslim and international weakness and indignity, has taken upon itself the task of oppressing the people of the world and subjugating them under its dominance.

While we reject all forms of dictatorships in the world, we refuse all forms of arrogance and oppression against people," the 16-member LAF parliamentary bloc said.

"If America proclaims itself as the protector of democracy, where is its protection of the democracy that was oppressed in Algeria?" the Islamists said.

Addressing the situation in Algeria, the IAF expressed appreciation for the "wise decision" of the Algerian government to release Islamist leaders Abbasi Madani and Ali Belhaj, who were jailed after the Algerian election of 1991 were annulled.

The front said in a letter to Algerian President Liamine Zaroual that the decision was an indication that "dialogue and the language of reason are triumphing over the language of war

It saw in the release of the Islamist leaders a clear move towards resolving the Algerian crisis and expressed hope, the Algerian people would be allowed to live under a true Shoura system where the "will of the Algerian Muslim people will be respected."

Prosecution sums up 'Arab Afghans' case

AMMAN (AP) - Military prosecutors summed up their case Sunday against 25 susnews accused of plotting to destabilise Jordan through a wave of bombings and assassinations, opening the way for the defence to begin its argument.

The State Security Court. headed by Colonel Hafez Amin, was presented with a file implicating the defendants in bembing attacks on public and private institutions. in the Kingdom in 1993 and earlier this year.

The trial resumes Oct. 1. If convicted, the defendants could be sentenced to death by the three-judge panel hearing the case.

All defendants have pleaded innocent since the trial began Aug. 27. Three of the accused remain at large and are being tried in absen-

The defendants, who cannot be named under court regulations, are accused of piotting to assassinate Jordanian and Palestinian politicians and negotiators to wreck the U.S.-backed Middle East peace process, which was launched in 1991. Prosecution witnesses.

mostly police officers, have told the military court that homemade explosives confiscated from the defendants' homes in February matched those that had gone off at liquor stores and cinemas showing pornographic films.

The prosecution said that the defendants blew up these places in an attempt to purge the Kingdom of what they saw as mounting social cor-ruption caused by Western

The 25 men are purported to be part of a clandestine group, the so-called Arab Afghans, which operates throughout the Middle East and receives funding from renegade Saudi extremist. Osama Ben Laden.

Mr. Ben Laden's followers, who fought as volunteers with Afghan rebels who overthrew the Soviet-imposed regime in their country, seek to topple all existing Arab regimes and impose in their place puritan Islamic govern-



BER SHEBA DELEGATION: His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday receives a delegation represent from Ber Sheba who called at the Royal Court to express their thanks and appreciation to King Hussein for condoling them over the ceath of Sheikh Khalil Al Sani'. The

delegation members voiced pride in King Hussein's wise positious and his continuous endeavours to establish a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region. The audience was attended by Minister of Culture Jumaa Hammad (Petra

150 killed, 700 injured in Kabul

KABUL (Agencies) -Heavy fighting continued Sunday between rival Shiite factions in south and v at Kabul, leaving 150 people dead and at least 700 civilians wounded, hospital sources

"Based on the daily average of 145 wounded, we can expect some 720 casualties in Karte Se Hospital by the end of today," a foreign medical aid worker said. It was impossible to ascer-

tain the exact number of those killed in the fighting, as no official records are kept beyond a count of the few bodies which are delivered to the hospital, but hospital sources Sunday conservatively estimate that at least 150 were dead. Forces loyal to Afghan

President Burhanuddin Rabbani have joined the Shiite Harakat-e-Islami faction in the fight against their Shiite Hezb-e-Wahdat rivals with heavy weapons and jets, but the pro-Rabbani infantry have yet to strike a major blow against Wahdat.

"This fight is between Harakat and Wahdat. We have no orders for an advance," said a pro-Rabbani frontline command: he ed the state grange. Kabul called Silo.

> Wahdat fighters c the nearby strategic Kote Sangi crossroads had Silo under continuous rocket bombardment early Sunday, while massed pro-Rabbani troops were seen loading heavy weapons in anticipation of a coming battle.

From the upper floors of Silo, heavy shelling of both Wahdat and Harakat forces in the west Kabul district of Dashte Barchi - where Harakat claim to have captured at least four main Wahdat positions — could clearly be seen.

Details of the fighting were scant and there was no independent word on which faction had the upper hand.

Witnesses said a single jet dropped bombs near the former royal Darulaman Palace and another air raid took place to the west of the area controlled by Hezb-e-Wahdat.

The two Shi'ite factions had skirmished before, but until this week they had avoided open warfare, keeping the southwest relatively unscathed by the fighting between Mr. Rabbani and his foes which has engulfed much of the rest of Kabul since

January. According to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), at least 30,000 people have been treated for war wounds in hospitals on both sides of the Kabul front line this year.

ICRC officials, citing hospital sources, said at least 4,500 people had been killed in the factional conflict.

Meanwhile, there was heavy fighting on the eastern Kabul frontlines where Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami faction came under attack from a pro-Rabbani jet. "There was a mutual heavy bombardment without any infantry attack by either side," a Defence Ministry

spokesman said. Witnesses said bodies were lying in the streets and the local Karte Se hospital was overflowing with casualties.
Six people were killed and 96 wounded on Saturday as opposition forces bombarded Rabbani-held parts of Kabul.

Nigerian soccer champions in air crash; four killed

ALGIERS (Agencies) — A Nigerian plane with 39 peo-'e on board including a igerian soccer team crashed 1 southern Algeria Sunday, lli::g four people and injuring 24 others.

The plane crashed at Tamanrasset's airport in the Sahara desert about 2,000 kilometres south of Algiers, according to the Algerian Transport Ministry. An earlier report by Alger-

ia's Channel 3 radio had said 13 were killed and 13 injured. Officials at the Tamanrasset airport said the BAC II plane belonged to Oriental Airlines.

One of the dead was a member of the Nigerian soccer squad Iwanwanyu Nationale and the other three were members of the sevenperson crew, officials at the airport said. The aircraft was flying

from Tunis to the Nigerian capital of Lagos. Poor visibility was probably a factor in the plane's crash, airport offi-

The plane crashed on landing at airport, hitting a runway lamp pylon and a firetruck, according to witnesses. The plane was completely destroyed, they said.

Iwanwanyu Nationale was returning from a match in Tunis where it lost 3-0 to Tunis' Esperance team in an African Cup match.

Last year, the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority banned flights from Nigeria to the United States, citing lack of safety and security at Nigerian airports. Nigerian pilots went on

strike last year, refusing to fly planes of state-owned Nigeria Airways because they said mainténance was so poor it was dangerous. In a country notorious for corruption, pilots say it is

easy for airline owners to bribe their way through safety checks and for pilots to buy

Nigerian head of state General Sani Abacha expressed his sympathy to the relatives of the crash victims.

the presidential office, Gen. Abacha also offered his condolences to the government and people of the southeastern state of Imo, where Iwanwanyu Nationale is based.

In a statement issued by

In all, 39 people were on board, 32 of whom were players or officials of the football club plus a crew of seven.

In Africa's worst soccer tragedy, a Zambian air force plane crashed off Gabon's coast in April 1993 killing 18 members of the Zambian national squad on route to a World Cup qualifying match. A reformed Zambian team later narrowly failed to qual-

The star of the Iwanwanyu team is striker Tony Nwaigwe, who with seven goals in the Champions' Cup already this year was the tournament's leading scorer going into Saturday's match.

The Nigerian soccer team, is owned by businessman and former presidential hopeful Chief Immanual Iwuanyan-

Magazine: Abu Nidal plans attack

BONN (R) — Some German media reported over the both reported, citing security Middle East peace process. weekend that German secur ity forces had uncovered a plan by a Palestinian group to attack Jewish targets in Germany in a bid to jeopardise Israeli-Palestinian peace

efforts. · Bildam Sonntag newspaper and the news magazine Focus said the Abu Nidal guerrilla group aimed to kill Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's central council of Jews, and to blow up Berlin's Oranienburg street synagogue and the Israeli embassy in Bonn.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's top intelligence aide, Bernd Schmidbauer, was quoted as telling Bild am Sonntag that security forces had managed to scupper the plans.

But he said the danger was

not yet over.
"We might have been able to prevent the worst. But the danger is not yet over," the newspaper quoted Mr. Schmidbauer as saying. "The German government will continue intensive efforts to protect Israeli facilities.'

LONDON (Agencies) — Irish Prime Minister Albert

Revnolds told a British news-

paper in an interview pub-

lished Sunday that Irish

reunification will not happen

this generation and urged the

creation instead of an "im-

mediate future" for a new

united Ireland) in this gen-

eration. It's a question of

what happens over the

years," Mr. Reynolds told

immediate future, and let a

future generation decide

what's the best future for the

island of Ireland," he said.

Meanwhile, in Perth, Au-

stralia, where he was begin-

ning an eight-day visit to the country, he said a referen-

dum proposed by Britain for

Northern Ireland could be

mirrored by a referendum

British Prime Minister

John Major said Friday the

people of Northern Ireland

would have the chance in a

held in the south.

"All I'm saying is, build an

"You wouldn't get it (a

Ireland.

the Observer.

sources, that evidence of a planned bombing campaign was "extremely concrete." Officials were not available

weekend. But security of Jewish buildings and offices has been stepped up in Germany in the past two weeks.

to comment over the

Mr. Bubis said he had not known he was to be a target of the Palestinian group. But he told reporters in Dortmund that he had known

for about three weeks that Jewish targets were in dan-Focus quoted security sources as saying the Abu Nidal group, had stored guns and explosives in Berlin and the surrounding area in pre-paration for a Sept. 25 attack

on the synagogue. Bild am Sonntag said guerrillas planned to kill Mr. Bubis in a bomb blast outside his Frankfurt home, and to blow up the Berlin synagogue and the Israeli embassy at the

referendum to approve or re-

ject the outcome of inter-

party talks on the future of

Mr. Revnolds told journal-

ists, "If we get agreement at

the end of the discussions

that are going on, certainly a referendum in the north and

south is the logical develop-

He will be encouraged by

growing signs that Unionist

politicians, representing the

majority Protestant commun-

ity in Northern Ireland, have

been persuaded to join the

unionist parties, the Demo-cratic Unionist Party (DUP).

said late Saturday that it may

rejoin multi-party talks on the future of Northern Ire-

land which it boycotted for

A spokesman said that his

party was ready to meet the

secretary of state for North-

ern Ireland, Michael

Ancram, for preliminary dis-

two years.

The most radical of the

political peace process.

their province.

same time. It said the purpose of the

Bild am Sonntag and Focus attacks was to jcopardise the the reports tollowed the arrest and prompted release in Germany last Tuesday of an Egyptian and of six

> Palestinians. "We caught the wrong ones. The people we want are still at large," an unnamed investigator told Focus.

Officials earlier in the week said there had been indications of a possible attack by the Abu Nidal group, but the failed arrests had been seen discounting the suspi-

However, the Israeli embassy in Bonn has been blocked off, causing traffic chaos, and the Oranienburg street synagogue in Berlin is being guarded by a bus-load of armed police officers.

Abu Nidal's group is held responsible for killing or wounding hundreds of people in at least 20 countries, including the wounding in 1982 of Israel's ambassador in London, Shlomo Argov, an attack which ostensibly prompted Israel's invasion of

However, DUP deputy

leader Peter Robinson said:

"We are not going to involve

ourselves in a process that

in 20 years, if people are

freely allowed to exercise

their right of self-

determination, they will still

want to stay part of the Un-

ited Kingdom," Mr. Robin-son said. Unification was not

Polls show a majority of

On Friday, Mr. Major also

Northern Ireland's people want to stay in Britain.

lifted a six-year ban on mem-

bers of the Irish Republican

Army's political wing, Sinn

Fein, from speaking on Brit-

Mr. Reynolds said a similar

"The fears that were ex-

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pressed in advance if it were

to be dropped, did not mater-

ialise, so it didn't make any

difference in Ireland," he

He said the parties in-

Republic some time ago.

ish television and radio.

'inevitable," he said.

"I am quite convinced that

leads to a united Ireland."

Israel extends ban on extremist groups

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A ban on two extreme rightwing Jewish groups which voiced support for the Hebron mosque massacre was extended Sunday for a second period of six months, police

The ban signed by the police inspector general, Assaf Hezeft, was billed on the Jerusalem offices of the anti-Arab Kach and Kahane Chai movements which must remain closed. Kach spokesman Noam

Federman, who was freed

from preventive detention

early this month, said he

would appeal against the new ban before the supreme Kach, founded by rabbi Meir Kahane, who was murdered in New York in 1990, and a splinter group Kahane

Chai, call for the expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied territories and Israel and the setting up of a Jewish theocracy.
The groups were first outlawed and a dozen of their leaders arrested in March after settler Baruch Goldstein.

who spent years as a Kach activist, gunned down more than 30 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque on Feb. 25. Kach chief Baruch Marzel

is the only one of those detained in March still in pris-

However, Israel has arrested 11 settlers in the last two weeks on suspicion of belonging to an anti-Arab terrorist network which killed five Palestinians and plotted further atrocities. A second rabbi from the hardline settlement of Kyriat

Arba was arrested overnight

on suspicion of belonging to the terrorist network, police said Sunday. Dozens of settlers scuffled with police as they took Rabbi Meir Koren, 28, from his

home near Hebron. Security forces seized 40 guns from Kyriat Arba over the weekend to carry out ballistic tests to see if they had been used in attacks on Palestinians over recent

months, police said. Two brothers, Eytan and Yehudi Kahalani, who ran the cell were caught carrying automatic weapons "just before" they opened fire on a Israeli military radio said Sunday.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said, "smashing the ring allowed us to avoid a bloody circle of attacks and revenge attacks."

Army Lieutenant Oren Edry, 23, suspected of belonging to the cell, based in the hardline settlement of Kyriat Arba was charged last Wednesday with stealing army explosives, giving military training to civilians, passing on information to outlaws and behaviour unbecoming of an officer.

Lt. Edry had received the explosives in 1992 from another army lieutenant, Koby Pinto, who was arrested Monday.

Among the arrested last week were rabbi Ido Elba. described as the group's 'spiritual guide.'

To the early 1980s, a secret Jewish network launched bloody anti-Palestinian attacks before being broken

out an accommodation to get

the Roman Catholic and Pro-

need for the British army,

Keating, after a number of

official engagements in Perth

on Monday.

Ireland," he said.

No united Ireland in this generation — Reynolds volved in the Irish question needed to sit down and work

testant communities to live together in a peaceful environment free of violence. "You won't have a united Ireland without the consent of the majority of Northern He said the security threat in the north had been decreasing since the IRA's ceasefire declaration two weeks ago and there was no need now to have the British army in Northern Ireland for all 'Their use indeed won't be required because if there's no security threat, there's no Mr. Reynolds, who arrived in Perth late on Saturday, will fly to Canberra Tuesday, where he will meet Australia's Prime Minister Paul

White House tourist taken away in ambulance WASHINGTON (R) — A veteran of World War II on a

White House tour had to be

carried away in an ambulance after he fell ill Saturday. The incident capped a bizatre week at the White House that included a small plane crashing into the building early Monday morning and six fire engines racing over Friday out of fear a fire had erupted when a light fixung shorted out. While walking through the state dining room, George Nikolopoulos 79, of Roswell, New Mexicology who suffers from high blood pressure, complained of feel ing ill and being about to pass out. An ambulance rushed to the scene and paramedica checked his blood pressure and found it normal. He was sitting up and talking as his stretcher was placed abound the ambulance outside the press briefing room.

Suicide bid fails when leaper lands on passer-by

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AFP) --- A Swiss teenager failed in a suicide bid Sunday when he leapt from an overpass and landed on a passerby, police reported. They said the 17-year-old was upharmed after the 10-metre (30-feet) drop in Lausanne. but the passer-by, a Sri Lank. an, received serious injuries. He had been walking by wift two compatriots. In Luceme a young mother jumped from her fifth-floor apartment Saturday with her two children, aged two and four. All three survived, but were in serious condition in a hospital, authorities said.

Pope jokes about his health

LECCE, Italy (R) — A smiling Pope John Paul joked about his health Saturday when he shrugged off tecent the signs of frailty at the start of squarker his second trip outside the same was a validation in a week. The 74- same with a size was vear-old Pope, walking with a size was cane after surgery last April Tage Care for a broken leg, told a cheer for a broken leg, told a cheering crowd at the start of a second 24-hour visit to this southern 22 min. city that he hoped its warmth would do him good. You with its can feel we're in the south," 🏞 🛚 🗴 🗠 🕆 he said with a smile after a #18:92222 formal arrival speech in Leo Trades ce's main square. "I hope the said that when I go back to Rome 1 to am I'll take some fresh energy with me," he joked. "That's smiles." enough for the moment Good night, sleep well and intermedic and see you tomorrow.

Fire guts home of author Margaret Mitchell

ATLANTA (AP) — A fire early Saturday gutted the historic apartment house where Margaret Mitchell wrote most of Gone With The Wind. Firefighters responded in the children to an alarm about 4:30 a.m. to an alarm about the flames under and brought the flames under the Abdui 2. ter. The three-story houses brick and stucco walls were left standing, but the roof was gone and the interior and and appeared to be destroyed by flames and water. Ms. Mitth ell lived in a first-floor apartment with her busband from 1926 to 1932. She referred to the house as "the dump." The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

S. Korean man awakes from 6-year coma

SEOUL (AFP) - A South Korean man has stunned medics here by waking #P after a six-year coma, news reports said Saturday. Chos Yong-Ki, 40, opened his eyes and spoke at a Jesuit hospital in Chonju, 240 kilometre (144 miles) south of Secol. six years after plunging into a coma following a traffic accident. "When he opened his eyes and stammered 'Anyong (hello) and Amen,' I was 50 shocked that I could not say anying," his wife told repor-ters. When Chon was taken to the hospital six years ago, he was completely dependent on breathing and feeding equipment to survive, has doctor told newspapers A week after he came to his senses, Mr. Chon is still 10 cuperating from a hemor-rhage in his fractured skull, the doctor said. His wife has launched a law suit for compensation and medical costs totalling \$250,000 he said.

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